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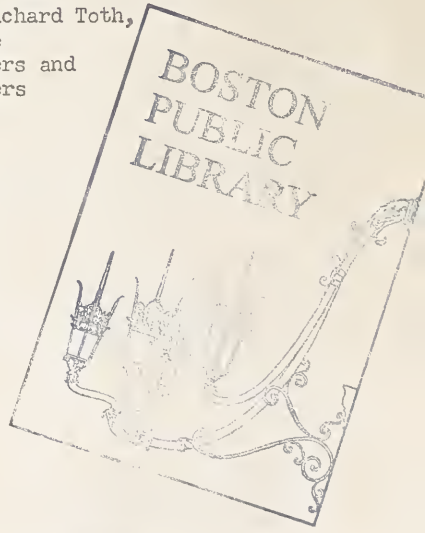

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INTRODUCTION

The Castle Square Residential Relocation Program is being carried out by the United South End Settlements functioning under contract with the Boston Redevelopment Authority and is taking responsibility for the relocation of families and individuals from the Castle Square area, scheduled for clearance. The rehousing requirements for the program call for placement of families into safe, sanitary and decent dwelling units. Supplementing these requirements is the program goal (of the relocation program) which calls for meeting the human needs, requirements and wishes of the residents in their new location. In order to accomplish this goal, the relocation staff has endeavored to become as thoroughly knowledgeable of housing standards, neighborhoods and community facilities, as possible. To this end, the staff has visited each public housing development in the city of Boston, and interviewed each manager of public housing developments in order to both acquaint themselves with public housing and to alert housing management to the goals and objectives of the relocation program itself.

Public Housing is presently the only source of decent, safe and sanitary housing available for many Castle Square families who cannot afford to either purchase housing or to pay the higher rents required in private rentals. Because residents of the area have priority for placement in public housing, it was felt that full awareness of the standards, requirements and advantages of living in public housing should be made known to the potential public housing applicants of Castle Square.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

There are thirty-one housing developments under the management of the Boston Housing Authority. These come under the heading of three different programs: Federally-aided, State-aided, and Housing for the Elderly (both state and federally-aided). In addition, a new development for the Elderly under the Federal program and one under the state program are under construction and will be ready for occupancy in 1963. An additional 1,200 apartments, mostly for elderly occupancy with the balance for relocation of families displaced by public improvement action such as urban renewal, are in various stages of planning.

Over 50,000 people reside in public housing units throughout the city. Each project is designed to facilitate easy access to transportation, shopping, schools and churches, while providing standard dwelling units for low-income families.

The chief requirements for admission to public housing are income not exceeding the maximum limit as established by Federal and State authorities, and that families are living in sub-standard or overcrowded conditions. Under both Federal and State programs, there is no discrimination in admission regarding race, creed or nationality. Under the Federal program families meeting income requirements as well as citizenship requirements are eligible. The Federal program also provides housing for elderly citizens of 65 years or over.

The requirements for admission to the State program under Chapter 200 are that applicants be members of families of veterans of two or more persons. Chapter 667 provides housing for elderly citizens of 65 years or over.

Both the Federal and State programs give special consideration to families who are being displaced by public action, such as urban renewal or highway demolition. Such families receive priority for admission to Federally and state-aided housing developments.

There are special minimum rents allowed for families on Old Age Assistance, Disability Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children allowances from the Welfare Department. Dwellings are assigned in each project so that it will not be necessary for persons of the opposite sex, other than husband and wife, to occupy the same bedroom.

The rents in public housing, with one exception (Morton Street), include the cost of heat, continuous hot water, electricity for lighting and electricity or gas for cooking and refrigeration.

Each project has its own maintenance crew to ensure prompt repair and upkeep. Many of the developments have active resident organizations and community activity programs as well as service and play areas.

COOPERATIVE SERVICE PROGRAMS

Director of Community Services

Miss Anna Comerford serving in this position helps groups of tenants in Housing Developments organize voluntarily-led activities for adults and children. In the early days of public housing, the Housing Authority, through the WPA provided recreation aides in each project. After the Second World War, policy was laid down by Congress that housing project management should deal primarily with real estate functions, thus eliminating Community Services personnel with the exception of Miss Comerford.

Miss Comerford has attempted to be of help to any tenants' group throughout the city requiring many night meetings. Through this direct relationship with tenants, she is infinitely familiar with problems of public housing residents and recreational programs available in each project.

During the last five years, the United Community Services has helped establish community services centers in four locations in Boston's public housing. The establishment of these centers has enabled Miss Comerford to concentrate her assistance in projects without such services.

Management Aides

Miss Ann Dooley and Miss Agnes Gately and Mrs. Ione Vargas are management aides. Their function is to assist housing managers with families having special problems, making inspections as to the adequacy of housekeeping standards and attempting to help families threatened with eviction (i.e. poor housekeeping, improper conduct, damage of property, non-payment of rent, etc.). Mrs. Vargas is assigned exclusively to the South End Housing Development, working as a member of the team of the United South End Settlements' Community Service Center. Other projects throughout the city are divided between Miss Gately and Miss Dooley.

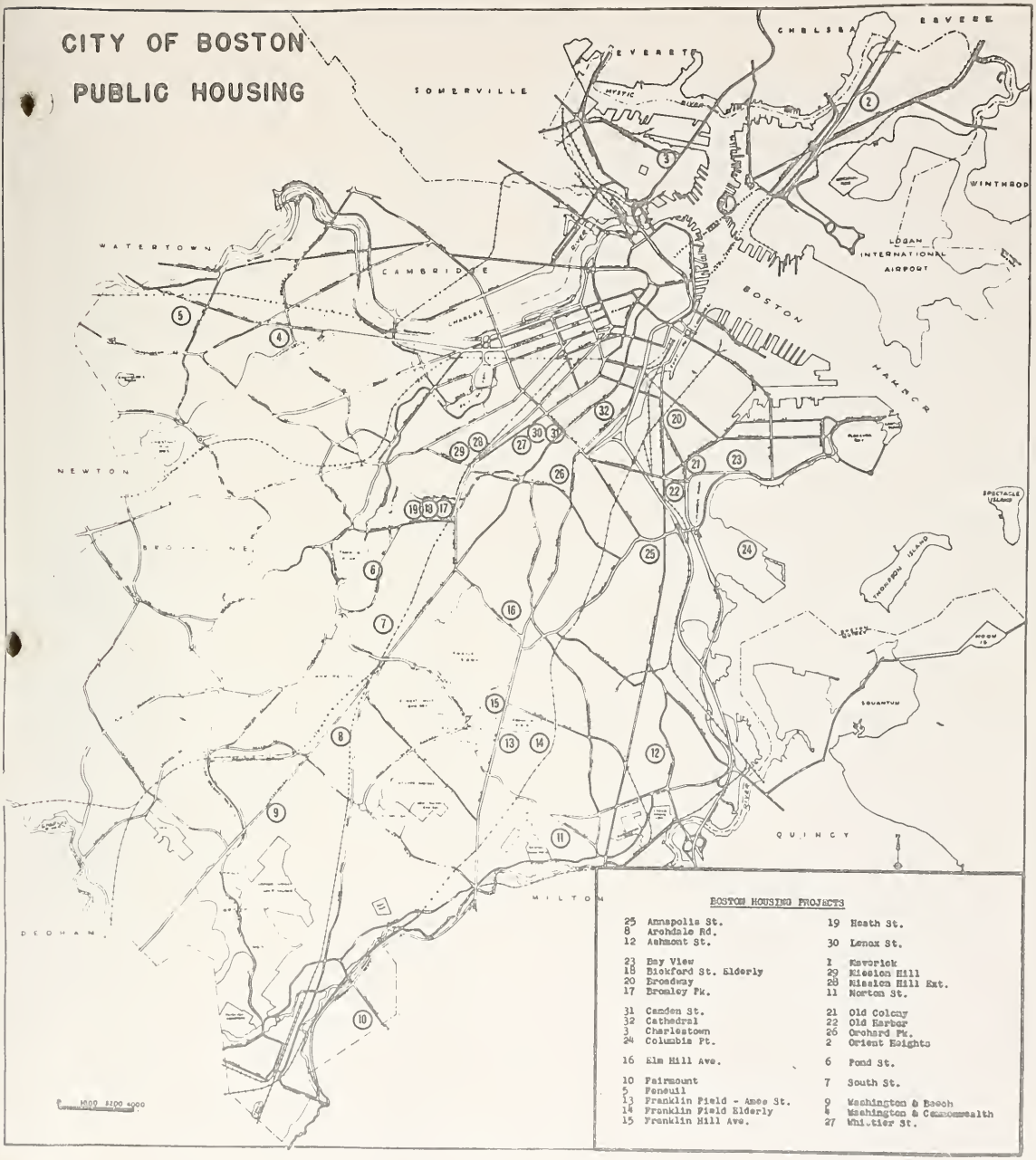
Community Services Centers

Beginning in 1957, the Boston Housing Authority provided space and equipped buildings for extensions of neighborhood Settlement House programs into public housing development neighborhoods. Such centers have been set up at Columbia Point, Orchard Park, South End and Bromley-Heath Projects. Funds for salaries and on-going program services are provided through the respective Settlement House budgets by United Community Services, trusts and foundations. These programs provide, within the resources available, leisure-time programs for all members of the family.

Inter-Agency Committees

In order to provide better health and welfare services to housing project neighborhoods, many of the projects in cooperation with the housing manager and key agencies, have well-functioning inter-agency committees. Often these committees know of or can provide the services needed by a given family. Such committees are organized in Columbia Point, Bromley-Heath, Orchard Park and Mission Hill.

Housing Development	Manager
Charlestown	Leo Haley
Mission Hill, Mission Hill Extension	James Curley
South End, Lenox Street, Whittier, Camden Street	William Hutchinson
Orchard Park	Lloyd Howard
Heath Street, Pond Street, Bromley Park, Bickford Street	Robert Driscoll
Orient Heights, Maverick Street	John Kelly
Franklin Hill Avenue, Franklin Field for Elderly, Franklin Field, Ashmont Street, Elm Hill	Thomas Geagan
Washington & Beech Street, Fairmount, Archdale, Morton Street, South Street	Kenneth Gralton
Columia Point, Annapolis	Leo Donovan
Mary Ellen McCormack (Old Harbor)	James Concannon
Old Colony	Edward O'Brien
Broadway (D. Street)	Edward Meehan
Commonwealth, Faneuil	Stephen Bowen



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TYPES OF HOUSING

Development

Federally-aided:	Dwelling Units	Population	Type of Construction
Charlestown	1,149	3,810	3-story, brick
Mission Hill	1,023	2,553	3-story, brick
Lenox Street	306	860	3-story, brick
Orchard Park	774	2,939	3-story, brick
South End (Cathedral)	508	1,841	2-13 story, brick, elev.
Heath Street	420	1,503	3-story, brick
East Boston (Maverick)	414	1,395	3-story, brick
Franklin Hill Avenue	375	1,262	3-story, brick
Whittier Street	200	859	3-6 story, brick, elev.
Washington & Beech Street	274	1,029	3-story, brick
Mission Hill Extension	588	2,333	3-7 story, brick, elev.
Bromley Park	732	2,699	3-7 story, brick, elev.
Columbia Point	1,504	5,837	3-7 story, brick, elev.
Mary Ellen McCormack	1,016	3,075	3-story, brick
Old Colony	873	3,016	3-story, brick
State-aided:			
Broadway (D.Street)	972	3,250	3-story, brick
Camden Street	72	225	3-story, brick
Commonwealth	648	2,715	2-13 story, brick, elev.
Faneuil	258	1,195	3-story, brick
Fairmount	202	934	2-story, duplex, row, frame & brick
Archdale	288	1,240	3-story, brick
Orient Heights	354	1,498	2-3 story, brick
Morton Street	251	1,194	Single, duplex, frame, brick
Franklin Field	504	2,034	3-story, brick
South Street	132	556	3-story, brick
Elderly Housing Program			
Federally-aided:			
Elm Hill	86	132	6-story, high rise, brick
Pond Street	44	56	2-story, wood frame, brick
Annapolis	56	80	2-story, wood frame, brick
Ashmont	54	78	2-story, wood frame, brick
Bickford	64	74	high rise, brick
Bay View (under construction)	96		9-story, high rise, brick
State-aided:			
Franklin Field	80	100	2-story, wood frame, brick
Ames Street (under construction)	80		2-story, wood frame, brick

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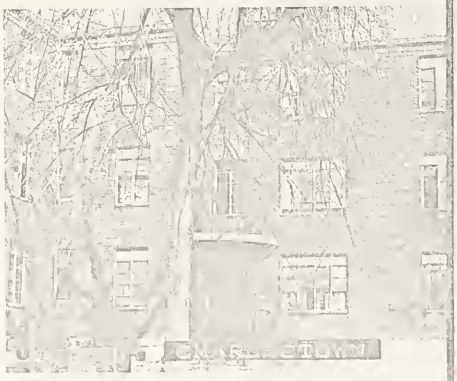


EAST BOSTON & CHARLESTOWN

STATE-AIDED HOUSING

ORIENT HEIGHTS

Breed's Hill Section, East Boston, Massachusetts
Mr. John Kelly, Manager-Tel: LO-9-2500

General Comments

Orient Heights Housing Development is located in a very lovely residential area of East Boston. The buildings of the development are terraced, lending a unique atmosphere and they overlook the Suffolk Downs Race Track in the distance. The buildings blend nicely with the surrounding neighborhood which is quiet and well-kept.

Transportation

The nearest MTA station is the Orient Heights Station with commuting time to Boston about twelve minutes. Buses run at the project every fifteen minutes in the morning and then every hour. There is no bus service to the MTA station after 7:00 P.M.

Schools

Schools in the general vicinity include: Manassah Bradley elementary (1 block), St. Lazarus Parochial elementary ($\frac{1}{4}$ mile); Barnes Public Junior High ($\frac{1}{2}$ mile), East Boston High ($\frac{1}{2}$ mile) and Fitton Parochial High (2 miles).

Churches

Catholic Churches in the area include: St. Lazarus ($\frac{1}{2}$ mile), Don Orione Home Chapel (1 block), and St. Joseph's($\frac{1}{2}$ mile). Several Protestant Churches are within various distances of the project in East Boston. The nearest Jewish Synagogue is located at Gove Street (13/4 miles).

Medical Facilities

The nearest Public Health Unit is located at Maverick Square and the nearest hospital is the East Boston Relief Station. Private doctors and visiting nurses are available for house visits.

Recreational Facilities

Orient Heights is near the beach and residents can enjoy swimming and sunning as well as the facilities of the Orient Heights Yacht Club. The Project has small play areas provided for the younger set.

Shopping Facilities

Orient Heights shopping area is within one half mile of the Project and would provide the majority of shopping needs of residents.

ORIENT HEIGHTS

General Statistics

Orient Heights was opened for occupancy in 1952 and consists of 354 dwelling units. There are 39 one bedroom, 166 two bedroom, 131 three bedroom, and 18 four bedroom apartments

Construction: Brick - two and three story buildings

Population: 1498 329 White Families 5 Non-White Families

Average Length of Stay: Five years

Age Distribution: Pre-school (under 5) - 348

Elementary and Junior High (5-14) - 446

High School (15-17) - 31

(18-20) - 18

(21-64) - 642

(65 and over) - 13

Average rent: $65.00

Vacancies: As of November 1, 1962 - 8

FEDERALLY-AIDED HOUSING

MAVERICK STREET

41 Maverick Street, East Boston, Massachusetts
Mr. John Kelly, Manager-Tel: LO-9-2500

General Comments

The Maverick Street Housing Development is located in an area which has mixed land uses - commercial, residential and factory establishments. However, the project itself blends into the surrounding neighborhood; it is conveniently located near churches, schools, transportation and recreation facilities and the tenants have some relationship with community organizations and neighbors.

Transportation

Maverick Square MTA station is just two blocks from the project with commuting time to downtown Boston just ten minutes.

Schools

Schools in the area include: T. Lyman public elementary ($\frac{1}{4}$ mile); Fitton Parochial elementary (1 block); Barnes Public Junior High ($\frac{1}{4}$ mile); East Boston High ($\frac{1}{2}$ mile); and Fitton Central Parochial High (1 Block).

Churches

Most Holy Redeemer Church is on the opposite side of the street. There are several Protestant churches in East Boston. Two located near the project include London Street Church and the Lutheran Church, both within three blocks. The nearest Jewish Synagogue is on Gove Street and is about five blocks distant.

Medical Facilities

The nearest Public Health Unit is located in Maverick Square and the East Boston Relief Station is at Central Square. Private doctors and visiting nurses are available to tenants for house calls.

Recreational Facilities

The project provides small tot lots and play areas for younger children and older children and adults have the use of the recreation hall on the project grounds, for dances, meetings and social gatherings. There is also a community center at Central Square to which residents of all ages have access for various programs.

Shopping Facilities

Central Square is just three blocks from the project and major shopping needs as well as everyday grocery shopping may be accommodated here.

MAVERICK STREET

General Statistics

Maverick Street Project was built in 1942 and consists of 414 dwelling units. There are 90 one bedroom, 138 two bedroom, 120 three bedroom, 51 four bedroom and 15 five bedroom apartments.

Construction: Brick - three story buildings

Population: 1501 411 White families No Non-White Families at present

Average Length of Stay: Ten years

Age Distribution: Pre-school (under 5) - 238
Elementary and Junior High (5-14) - 515
High School (15-17) - 135
(18-20) - 53
(21-64) - 470
(65 and over) - 90

Average rent: $60.00

Vacancies: As of November 1, 1962 - 3

FEDERALLY-AIDED HOUSING

CHARLESTOWN

75 Bunker Hill Street, Charlestown, Massachusetts
Mr. Leo Haley, Manager-Tel: CH-2-0270

General Comments

The Charlestown Housing Development, second oldest in the city, has an overall attractive appearance thanks to its many trees and bordering flower gardens, well kept by tenants. Its residents are predominantly of Irish and Italian backgrounds and are well-integrated into the larger community life.

Charlestown itself is a small, compact and remarkably structured community, offering no less than sixty-seven organizations of varying interest to all age groups. The Project itself operates a pre-school program daily. For youngsters, there are Boy and Girl Scouts, Sea Scouts and teen-age dances. Parents have formed an active Mothers Group and many of the tenants participate in the Recreation Committee which organizes activities for the young people. Charlestown Project has a population of almost 400 elderly citizens and most of these participate in the Senior Citizens Club which meets two or three times a year. Many of the Project's teen-age boys are members of the famed "Hawks", a service group for young people sponsored by Father Murphy of St. Francis de Sales Parish. All of Charlestown's organizations are united in a Federation whose voice is heard on Urban Renewal matters.

Transportation

The MTA bus line has four stops adjacent to the Project with commuting time to Park Street about twenty minutes. The MTA runs about every fifteen minutes both day and night.

Schools

Charlestown High, Clarence Edwards Junior High, and four elementary schools including St. Francis de Sales, St. Catherine's and St. Mary's are all within a quarter of a mile of the project.

Churches

St. Catherine's Catholic Church is located in the center of the Project and three Protestant Churches (Episcopal, First Baptist and First Congregational) are all within walking distance. The nearest Jewish Synagogue would be in Chelsea.

Medical Facilities

The nearest Health Unit is located at Elm and High Streets and is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The nearest hospital is Boston City Hospital. Both doctors and nurses are available to project residents on call and there is also an emergency clinic at Sullivan Square.

Recreational Facilities

Tenants have access to a large auditorium on the Project grounds for various programs. Boys and girls may attend the Boys Club and YMCA on Green Street or the Girls Club on High Street, all within walking distance.

Shopping Facilities

The nearest large shopping center is within walking distance on Main Street and neighborhood stores are contiguous, with a First National adjacent to the Project.

General Statistics

The Housing Project in Charlestown covers an area of over thirty-six acres facing Bunker Hill Street and the historic Bunker Hill Monument. Built in 1940, it consists of 1,149 dwelling units with 384 single bedroom, 447 two bedroom, 237 three bedroom, and 81 four bedroom apartments.

Construction: Brick - three story, walk-up apartment buildings

Population: 3,810 1,124 White Families 4 Non-White Families

Average Length of Stay: Two years

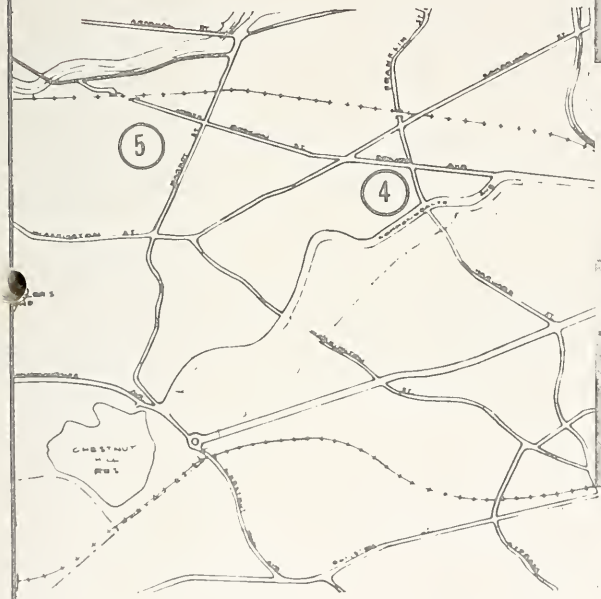
Age Distribution: Pre-school (under 5) - 621
Elementary & Junior High (5-14) - 951
High School (15-17) - 246
(18-20) - 119
(21-64) - 1537
(65 and over) - 336

Average rent: $48.00 (includes cost of heat and utilities)

Vacancies: As of September 1, 1962 - 5

BOSTON PUBLIC HOUSING

FANEUIL



Typical Living Room
Pond Street

BRIGHTON & ALLSTON

STATE-AIDED HOUSING

FANEUIL

Faneuil Street, Brighton, Massachusetts
Mr. Stephen Bowen, Manager-Tel.: ST-2-0455

General Comments

Faneuil Project is comparatively smaller in size than many of the city's housing developments. It is located near the Charles River along North Beacon Street in the Faneuil Section of Brighton. It is convenient to most community facilities and its proximity to the Charles River enables youngsters to enjoy many hours of fishing and boating during the summer. Like the Commonwealth Project it has a play area group for small children and mothers raise money for equipment through their club. A Community Council made up of tenants is also active. Faneuil Project is very much a part of the larger community and the Project itself is well-maintained by the tenants. The Project parents recently organized a Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Program under the direction of the Project's first Negro resident, the father of eleven children.

Transportation

MTA bus lines operate on North Beacon, Washington and Market Streets and commuting time to downtown Boston is approximately thirty-five minutes. Buses run every twenty minutes during the day and every twenty-five minutes in the evening.

Schools

The James A. Garfield School (grades 4-6), Mary Lyons School (grades 1-4) are both within walking distance, St. Columkile's Parochial Elementary is also within walking distance. Other schools in the area include: Edison Public Junior High (1 mile), Brighton Public High (1 mile), Mt. St. Joseph Academy, St. Mary's, Brookline (both 1 mile distance).

Churches

Churches in the area include: St. Columkile Catholic, Congregational, Baptist, Methodist - at Brighton Center. There are several Synagogues in Brighton and Brookline.

Medical Facilities

St. Elizabeth's Hospital provides both in and out patient service to residents of the area. Doctors and visiting nurses are available upon call and the Public Health nurses visit weekly.

Recreational Facilities

A city playground is across the street from the project; tot lots and play areas are provided within the project grounds. There is a small auditorium available and an MDC swimming pool within walking distance.

Shopping Facilities

An A.& P. supermarket is adjacent to the Project and shopping facilities are located in Brighton Center which provide for most household needs.

FANEUIL

General Statistics

Faneuil Project was built in 1950 and has 258 dwelling units. Ground area covers a little over seven acres. The Project has 132 two bedroom, 120 three bedroom and 6 five bedroom apartments.

Construction: Brick - three story buildings

Population: 1195 245 White Families 2 Non-White Families

Average Length of Stay: Five years

Age Distribution: Pre-school (under 5) - 283
Elementary & Junior High (5-14) - 369
High School (15-17) - 25
(18-20) - 14
(21-64) - 495
(65 and over) - 9

Average rent: $64.00

Vacancies: As of October 1, 1962 - 2

STATE-AIDED HOUSING

COMMONWEALTH

2 Fidelis Way, Brighton, Massachusetts
Mr. Stephen Bowen, Manager-Tel: ST-2-0455

General Comments

The Commonwealth Project is situated high on a hill over-looking Commonwealth Avenue in Brighton and is in a very pleasant neighborhood of wide streets and rather comfortable apartments. It has a high Jewish population and many Irish-Catholics. It is conveniently located for shopping, schools, churches and synagogues and medical facilities. It does lack sufficient recreation space but transportation is easily available for recreational facilities in the larger community. A kindergarten was established within the project with a Boston School Department staff when the mothers protested at the trip they would otherwise have to take with their small children. Two play school groups for children are sponsored (one by the Housing Authority, the other by the City) which run mornings from 9:00 to 11:30 and accept children from the ages of $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$. A Mothers Club was formed in conjunction with these play school groups so that the mothers interest may be engaged and they can take responsibility for raising money for equipment. A small registration fee of $2.00 and a weekly fee of $2.00 is charged for these children. The nearby Monastery sponsors Scout troops for boys and girls and Project mothers provide the leadership.

In general, Commonwealth is a well-integrated project in the larger Brighton community.

Transportation

Buses run on Washington Street to Brighton Center and Brookline and the MTA trolley line operates in front of the Project on Commonwealth Avenue, with commuting time to downtown Boston about thirty-five minutes. Both lines run frequently during the day and evening hours.

Schools

Schools in the vicinity include: Baldwin and Taft Schools (public elementary) within two or three blocks; St. Gabriel's Monastery (parochial elementary); adjacent to the Project; Brighton Public High (1/8th mile); St. Mary's, St. Joseph's Parochial High Schools (short bus ride).

Churches

Adjoining the Project is St. Gabriel's Monastery as well as a Jewish Synagogue. Several Protestant churches (Methodist, Baptist and Congregational) are located in Brighton Center.

Medical Facilities

St. Elizabeth's Hospital is the closest hospital and Visiting Nurses visit the Project weekly.

Recreational Facilities

The Project provides small play areas and tot lots for the children. Bus rides afford easy access to larger community facilities in Brighton and at Cleveland Circle.

Shopping Facilities

Brighton Center shopping area is about 1/8th mile from the Project, and provides convenient shopping for all household needs. A Stop and Shop supermarket is nearby on Washington Street.

General Statistics

The Commonwealth Housing Development was built in 1951 and consists of 648 dwelling units covering an area of almost fifteen acres. There are 72 one bedroom, 336 two bedroom, 198 three bedroom and 46 four bedroom apartments.

Construction: Brick - two to thirteen story buildings
(similar to surrounding architecture)

Population: 2,715 628 White Families 14 Non-White Families

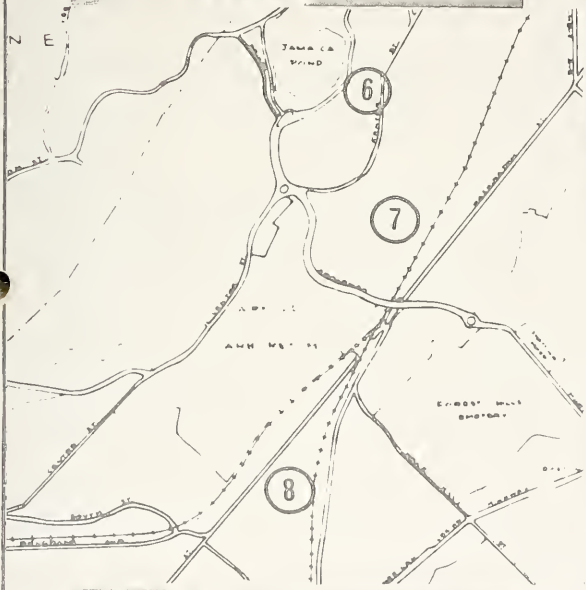
Average Length of Stay: Five to Six years

Age Distribution: Pre-school (under 5) - 644
Elementary & Junior High (5-14) - 757
High School (15-17) - 71
(18-20) - 35
(21-64) - 1170
(65 and over) - 38

Average rent: $64.00 (includes cost of heat and utilities)

Vacancies: As of October 1, 1962 - 9

BOSTON PUBLIC HOUSING



STATE-AIDED HOUSING

ARCHDALE

Washington & Archdale Road, Roslindale, Massachusetts
Mr. Kenneth Gralton, Manager-Tel: JA-2-3100

General Comments

The Archdale Housing Development offers all of the advantages of residential living in a neighborhood which provides the normal requirements of its residents, physical, social and spiritual. The Project has a great deal of open space and much of the area is dotted with trees and lawns. Some tenants have cultivated gardens and take great pride in them. Although there are no specific programs offered for certain age groups, the larger community does provide leisure-time activities for all ages. The Project enjoys the reputation of a well-integrated unit of the neighborhood and its tenants maintain these standards.

Transportation

The nearest MTA line runs at the corner of Archdale Road and Washington Street. It operates every ten minutes during the day and every fifteen minutes in the evening. Commuting time to downtown Boston is approximately forty minutes.

Schools

Schools located in the vicinity of the Archdale Project are: Francis Parkman public elementary; St. Andrew's Parochial elementary, St. Thomas Parochial elementary, Francis Parkman Junior High, Roslindale High and St. Thomas Parochial High, all within two miles of the Project.

Churches

All within close proximity of the Project are: St. Andrew's Catholic Church, St. Andrew's Ukranian Catholic Church, The Upham Memorial Church, Unitarian, Baptist and Congregational Protestant Churches. About two miles distance are Synagogues in Roxbury and Dorchester.

Medical Facilities

The nearest health unit is in Roslindale Square and the closest hospitals are Faulkner or Roslindale Hospitals. Doctors and visiting nurses are available upon call.

Recreational Facilities

Besides private and public community facilities, the Project offers small tot lots and play areas for children.

Shopping Facilities

Within one half mile are major shopping resources for all sorts of housing and household needs at Roslindale Square. A First National store is located on Washington Street near the Project.

ARCHDALE

General Statistics

The Archdale Project was built in 1951 and consists of 288 dwelling units. There are 24 one bedroom, 114 two bedroom, 108 three bedroom, and 12 four bedroom apartments. Grounds cover a little of six acres of land.

Construction: Brick, three story buildings

Population: 1240 277 White Families 4 Non-White Families

Average Length of Stay: Three to four years

Age Distribution: Pre-school (under 5) - 292
Elementary & Junior High (5-14) - 375
High School (15-17) - 30
(18-20) - 16
(21-64) - 504
(65 and over) - 23

Average rent: $61.00 (includes cost of heat and utilities)

Vacancies: As of October 1, 1962 - 2

FEDERALLY-AIDED HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

POND STREET

Pond Street, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts
Mr. Robert Driscoll, Manager-Tel: HI-5-7500

General Comments

The Pond Street Project opened for occupancy in September, 1962. It is located in a lovely residential area of Jamaica Plain and is one of the most ideal housing developments for elderly residents. It is close to Jamaica Pond, the Arboretum and residents can enjoy these and other community recreation centers easily.

There is a resident caretaker at this Project who is constantly alerted to the needs of the residents. The apartments are equipped with an alarm system which automatically opens the doors in the case of emergency. In addition, residents may view visitors through the door before opening it by means of a small window in the door which accommodates a one-way view. The bathrooms are equipped with guide rails, fixtures and outlets are within easy reach, and stairways are equipped with non-slip treads.

The recreation hall is beautifully decorated and lends and ideal atmosphere for social interaction. There are sitting areas, patios, a parking area and laundry facilities all provided on the grounds. The two-story brick buildings are fronted by lawn and the center area is dotted with shrubbery. A wooden fence with vines separates the back portion of the Project from neighboring homes.

Transportation

The nearest MTA lines are on Centre Street. A bus runs to Dudley Street and trolleys are available to Park Street. They run every twelve minutes in the day and every fifteen minutes in the evening hours. Commuting time to downtown Boston is about forty-five minutes.

Churches

In the vicinity of the Pond Street Project are the following churches: Blessed Sacrament and St. Thomas (Catholic); First Baptist, St. Andrew's Methodist, St. John's Episcopal and Central Congregational. Synagogues are located in Dorchester or Brookline, about four or five miles distance.

Medical Facilities

The Curtis Hall Health Unit, Faulkner Hospital, Longwood Hospital, Mass. Osteopathic, V.A. Hospital and N.E. Hospital are a few of the medical facilities in the general vicinity. Doctors and Visiting nurses are available to residents upon call. There is also a Clinic operated by the Harvard University School of Public Health in the Bromley-Heath Project.

Recreational Facilities

Whist parties are held every evening in the community building located in the center of the project. This hall is equipped with a 23" television set, card tables, folding chairs (and captain chairs) and a complete kitchen. The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood House also sponsors an Elderly Group program for residents of

Pond Street. Jamaica Pond is a half-block away with beautiful paths for walking.

Shopping Facilities

Within a short distance are major shopping facilities for cooking and household needs including drug stores, bakeries, restaurants, barber shops, supermarkets, etc.

General Statistics

The Pond Street Housing Development is patterned after the Housing Authority's plan to construct housing which blends with the surrounding neighborhood. The 44 (40 one bedroom, 4 two bedroom apartments) dwelling units are provided in two story, brick buildings which spread over several acres. Each building is fronted by ample open space with imaginative use of lawn and shrubbery, lending a very attractive and pleasant atmosphere to the entire area.

Construction: Brick, two story buildings

Population: 56 No Non-White residents at present

Average rent: $48.00 (includes cost of heat and utilities)

Vacancies: As of October 1, 1962 - None

STATE-AIDED HOUSING

SOUTH STREET

South Street, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts
Mr. Kenneth Gralton, Manager-Tel: JA-2-3100

General Comments

The smallness of this particular Project is one of its major advantages. There is plenty of open space and tenants are encouraged to maintain gardens. It is located in a heavily populated but desirable residential area in Jamaica Plain near the Arboretum.

The Project is well-integrated in activities with the larger community which is predominantly Roman Catholic.

Transportation

An MTA bus line runs on South Street with commuting time to downtown Boston about twenty minutes. Buses run every ten minutes during the day and every fifteen minutes in the evening hours.

Schools

Most children would attend the Agassiz Public Elementary (Kindergarten to grade six) or St. Thomas Elementary (Kindergarten to grade eight), Mary Curley Junior High, Jamaica Plain High School and St. Thomas High.

Churches

St. Thomas Catholic Church is adjacent to the Project. Other Catholic churches in the area are St. Andrew's Ukranian and the Syrian Catholic Church. Protestant churches in the area include Unitarian, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist and Episcopal. Jewish Synagogues are about three or four miles distant in either Roxbury or Dorchester.

Medical Facilities

Curtis Hall, the Public Health Unit (2 blocks), Washingtonian ($\frac{1}{2}$ mile), Faulkner Hospital ($1\frac{1}{2}$ miles) are the nearest medical facilities. Doctors and visiting nurses are available for house calls.

Recreational Facilities

The project is conveniently located for access to play areas for all age groups and the project itself provides play areas and tot lots.

Shopping Facilities

Centre Street in Jamaica Plain provides local small shops and chain stores for shopping and the nearest supermarket is adjacent to the Project on Centre St.

SOUTH STREET

General Statistics

South Street housing development was built in 1953 and consists of 132 dwelling units. It has 18 one bedroom, 66 two bedroom, 42 three bedroom and 6 four bedroom apartments. Project grounds cover an area of over five acres.

Construction: Brick - three story buildings

Population: 556 No Non-White Families at present

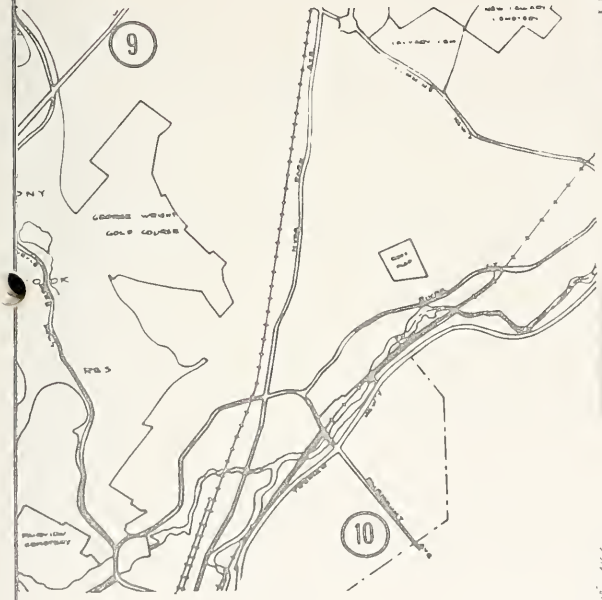
Average Length of Stay: Five to six years

Age Distribution: Pre-schoolers (under 5) - 142
Elementary & Junior High (5-14) - 131
High School (15-17) - 13
(18-20) - 8
(21-64) - 255
(65 and over) - 7

Average rent: $70.00 (includes cost of heat and utilities)

Vacancies: As of October 1, 1962 - None

BOSTON PUBLIC HOUSING



FEDERALLY-AIDED HOUSING

WASHINGTON AND BEECH STREETS

Washington & Beech Streets, Roslindale, Massachusetts
Mr. Kenneth Gralton, Manager-Tel: JA-2-3100

General Comments

The Washington-Beech Streets Project in Roslindale is well situated for accommodating resident participation in the larger community. There are no organized programs, per se, in the Project itself. However, residents enjoy participation in the activities and functions of the larger community. The Project abuts on good property and has much open space. There is good inter-relationship with the neighborhood and very attractive gardens which are tended by the elderly residents, for the most part. A card room is available to the elderly residents and the Project sponsors an active Scout program.

Transportation

The nearest MTA line operates in front of the Project with commuting time to downtown Boston approximately twenty-five minutes on the Forest Hills-Everett line.

Schools

The schools in the general vicinity include: Phineus Bates Public elementary (adjacent), St. John Chrysostum Parochial elementary ($\frac{1}{4}$ mile), Washington Irving Public Junior High (1 mile), Roslindale High ($\frac{1}{2}$ mile).

Churches

Churches in the area include: St. John Chrysostum Catholic ($\frac{1}{4}$ mile), Emmanuel Episcopal (West Roxbury), Roslindale Congregational, Stratford Baptist, Trinity Lutheran (Jamaica Plain), and Unitarian, (West Roxbury).

Medical Facilities

The nearest Public Health Unit is in Roslindale Square and the nearest hospitals are Faulkner and Roslindale General. Doctors and visiting nurses will answer house calls at the Project.

Recreational Facilities

There is a meeting hall in the basement of one of the Project's buildings for the use of tenants, and elderly residents have a room available to them for card parties. Children use the neighborhood recreational facilities which include swimming and ice skating within a two mile radius.

Shopping Facilities

The nearest major shopping area is located in Roslindale Square, about one mile from the Project. A First National supermarket is just one half block distant.

WASHINGTON AND BEECH STREETS

General Statistics

Washington & Beech Streets Housing Development was opened for occupancy in 1952 and is comprised of 274 dwelling units. It has 48 one bedroom, 120 two bedroom, 78 three bedroom, 12 four bedroom and 16 five bedroom apartments.

Construction: Brick - three story buildings

Population: 1029 269 White Families 3 Non-White Families

Average Length of Stay: Seven to Eight years

Age Distribution:
Pre-school (under 5) - 143
Elementary & Junior High (5-14) - 330
High School (15-17) - 65
(18-20) - 29
(21-64) - 375
(65 and over) - 87

Average rent: $59.00 (includes cost of heat and utilities)

Vacancies: As of October 1, 1962 -2

STATE-AIDED HOUSING

FAIRMOUNT

Dana & Garfield Streets, Hyde Park, Massachusetts
Mr. Kenneth Gralton, Manager-Tel: JA-2-3100

General Comments

This particular Project comes about the closest to "suburban living" of any of the city's housing developments. Situated in the Fairmount section of Hyde Park, the buildings are almost indistinguishable from the construction of the private homes of the area, and residents have the advantages of "suburban" living which include lots of open space and much greenery. The disadvantage of living here is that it almost requires a car since transportation is one-half mile away. The neighborhood is predominantly Jewish and most of the residents of the Project correspond religiously with the larger community. There is a great deal of public recreation available to tenants of this Project, only one resident is aged 65 and there is a predominantly large population of pre-school children.

Transportation

The nearest MTA line is about one-half mile from the Fairmount Project on Truman Highway. Commuting time to downtown Boston is approximately 3/4 hour and the line runs every fifteen minutes during the day, every ½ hour in the evening with special "rush hour" service every five minutes.

Schools

The Franklin Delano Roosevelt School is located along the edge of this housing development for public elementary school youngsters. Most Precious Blood Parochial elementary is about one and one-half miles distant. Burton Rogers Public Junior High is located in Cleary Square about one mile distant, and also about one mile is the Hyde Park High School. The nearest parochial high is Catholic Memorial in West Roxbury, a four mile bus ride.

Churches

St. Pius X Catholic Church is located at the edge of the Project and at Cleary Square (about one mile) is the First Christ Episcopal Church. The Adas Israel Synagogue is about one and one half miles distant.

Medical Facilities

The nearest Health Unit is at the Municipal Building in Cleary Square and the nearest hospital is three miles distant - Milton Hospital. Doctors and visiting nurses are available upon call.

Recreational Facilities

A variety of public and private indoor and outdoor recreational facilities are available to residents. Hyde Park has more playground space per capita than any other section of the city. Within a two mile radius are the Mahoney Playground, Music Shell, Little League diamond, ice skating rink, tennis courts, swimming pool, and theatres. They Hyde Park YMCA has a gymnasium, indoor swimming pool as well as many other indoor recreational facilities.

FAIRMOUNT

Shopping Facilities

The nearest large shopping center is Cleary Square. Neighborhood shopping may be done at either Cleary Square or on Truman Highway. Mattapan is another major shopping area and is two miles away by MTA.

General Statistics

The Fairmount Housing Development was built in 1951. It has 202 dwelling units providing 112 two bedroom and 90 three bedroom apartments. It covers an area of almost nineteen acres.

Construction: Two-story, duplex, row housing, frame and brick

Population: 934 No Non-White Families at present

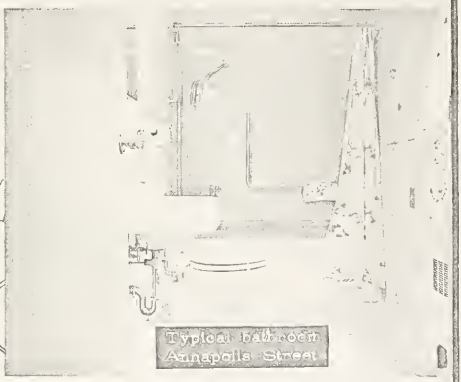
Age Distribution: Pre-school (under 5) - 249
Elementary & Junior High (5-14) - 316
High School (15-17) - 12
(18-20) - 2
(21-64) - 354
(65 and over) - 1

Average Length of Stay: Four to Five years

Average rent: $78.00 (includes cost of heat and utilities)

Vacancies: As of October 1, 1962 - 3

BOSTON PUBLIC HOUSING



SOUTH DORCHESTER

STATE-AIDED HOUSING

MORTON STREET

Morton Street & Gallivan Boulevard, Mattapan, Massachusetts
Mr. Kenneth Gralton, Manager-Tel: JA-2-3100

General Comments

The Morton Street Project is located in a lovely residential area of Mattapan, close to the Dorchester line. Its streets and walks are lined with trees and the duplex apartment buildings are fronted with lawns and gardens. This project perhaps comes closer to duplicating private, single-family dwellings than any other project in the city. The structure and composition of the buildings blends perfectly with the surrounding neighborhood and indeed it is difficult to believe that this is public housing.

The Project itself does not offer any specific programs for residents but tenants have the opportunity to participate in the leisure-time activities sponsored by public and private groups in the larger community.

Transportation

Commuting time to downtown Boston is about twenty-five minutes on the MTA which runs at the edge of the Project (Morton & Gallivan Boulevard). Buses run every ten minutes during the day and every twenty minutes in the evening.

Schools

Schools in the vicinity are: Morton Street and Taylor Public Elementary schools; St. Gregory and St. Matthew's Parochial Elementary; Solomon Lewenberg Junior High, Dorchester High, Girls Latin, and St. Gregory's Catholic High.

Churches

Two Catholic parishes service the Project residents: St. Gregory's and St. Matthew's both within one half mile. Protestant Churches in the area include the Second Church of Dorchester, Baptist and Methodist churches, all within a mile and one half of the Project. Beth Hillel Synagogue is about 1/4th mile distance.

Medical Facilities

The Codman Square Health Unit is the nearest public health unit and Carney Hospital the closest large hospital in the area. Doctors and visiting nurses are available to Project residents upon call.

Recreational Facilities

Several large play areas are within walking distance of the Project including Walker Playground. In addition, the Dorchester YMCA is about one and one half miles distant.

Shopping Facilities

Residents may do their shopping at either Mattapan Square or Codman Square or at Blue Hill Avenue which provides major shopping facilities. Next door to the Project is a large Stop and Shop.

MORTON STREET

General Statistics

Morton Street was built in 1953 and provides 251 dwelling units in an area covering over thirty acres. There are three sizes of apartments - 125 two bedroom, 113 three bedroom and 13 four bedroom apartments.

Construction: Single, duplex brick and frame buildings.

Population: 1,194 All White Families at present

Average Length of Stay: Five years

Age Distribution: Pre-school (under 5) - 267
Elementary and Junior High (5-14) - 398
High School (15-17) - 25
(18-20) - 6
(21-64) - 491
(65 and over) - 7

Average rent: $61.00

Vacancies: As of October 1, 1962 - 2

FEDERALLY-AIDED HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

ASHMONT

Ashmont Area, Dorchester, Massachusetts
Mr. Thomas Geagan, Manager-Tel: AV-2-6800

General Comments

Ashmont Project is located in the highly residential section of Dorchester known as the Ashmont Section. The Project provides all of the equipment and safety precautions necessary for the comfortable and secure living environments of its elderly residents. It is accessible to public transportation and community facilities and provides lots of open space, lawn and shrubbery to add to its general attractive appearance.

Transportation

The nearest MTA bus line runs on Adams Street one block from the Project. Commuting time to downtown Boston is approximately thirty-five minutes and the buses run every ten minutes during the day and every twenty minutes in the evening hours.

Churches.

St. Ann's Catholic Church is within walking distance as is All Saints Episcopal Church and the Second Church of Dorchester. Synagogues are within one mile distance on either Woodrow Avenue or Blue Hill Avenue.

Medical Facilities

The Boston Public Health Unit is about 3/4 mile distance at Codman Square. Carney Hospital provides both in and out patient care and doctors and visiting nurses are available to residents for house calls.

Recreational Facilities

A community building is available to residents within the Project and is equipped with card tables, etc., plus a complete kitchen. The room may be used for meetings and social gatherings. Laundry facilities are also housed in this building. Mary Hemenway Park is approximately one mile.

Shopping Facilities

Two blocks on Adams Street is the nearest shopping center which includes a supermarket. Additional shopping may be facilitated at Adams and Gallivan Boulevard.

General Statistics

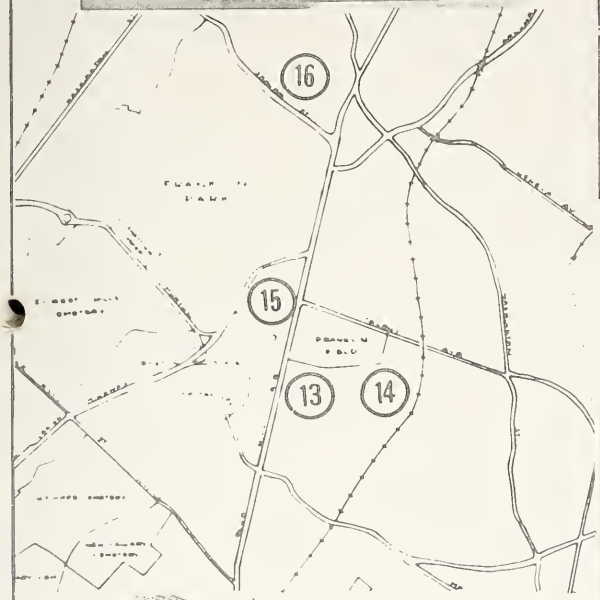
The Ashmont Project recently opened for occupancy and consists of 54 (48 one bedroom 6 two bedroom) dwelling units.

Construction: One story brick veneer, wooden frame buildings

Average rent: $49.00

Vacancies: As of November 1, 1962 - None

BOSTON PUBLIC HOUSING



FRANKLIN PARK AREA

STATE-AIDED HOUSING

FRANKLIN FIELD

Talbot & Blue Hill Avenue, Dorchester, Massachusetts
Mr. Thomas Geaghan, Manager-Tel: AV-2-6800

General Comments

The Franklin Field Housing Development blends nicely with the surrounding neighborhood and its residents participate actively in community affairs. Children of all ages can find sufficient recreational programs and Hecht House offers a variety of activities for all age groups. The tenants take pride in the maintenance of their surroundings and cooperation between tenants and management is an accomplished fact.

This project is in a predominently Jewish neighborhood and Jewish residents of the Project enjoy the close proximity of kosher meat markets, synagogues and programs geared to their interest at Hecht House.

Transportation

The MTA operates bus service on Blue Hill Avenue and Talbot Avenue which run every ten minutes during the day and every fifteen minutes in the evening with special "rush hour" runs every five minutes. Commuting time to downtown Boston is approximately twenty-five minutes.

Schools

Within the vicinity of the Project are several schools including: Robert Treat Paine, Sarah Greenwood public elementary schools, St. Matthew's Parochial elementary Solomon Lewenberg public junior high, Dorchester High, St. Matthew's Parochial High.

Churches

Within one half mile are two Catholic Churches: St. Matthew's and St. Leo's. St. Mark's Episcopal and the Second Church of Dorchester are both about one mile distant. Of Jewish Synagogues in the area, Congregation Chai Odom, Congregation Judas Achim and Temple Mishkan Tefila, are close at hand.

Medical Facilities

About one quarter of a mile from the Project is the Harvard Street Health Unit and Carney Hospital provides in and out patient care for residents of the area. Doctors and visiting nurses are available to Project residents upon call.

Recreational Facilities

Franklin Field is convenient to a variety of private and public indoor and outdoor recreational facilities including the excellent facilities of Hecht House, and Franklin Field which provides tennis courts, baseball diamonds, basketball courts and soon an MDC swimming pool and skating rink will be provided.

Shopping Facilities

Blue Hill Avenue, American Legion Highway and Talbot Avenue provide most shopping facilities within walking distance, easy car travel, or MTA.

FRANKLIN FIELD

General Statistics

Franklin Field Housing Development was built in 1954 and consists of 504 dwelling units. There are 72 one bedroom, 216 two bedroom 180 three bedroom and 36 four bedroom apartments. The Project grounds cover an area of twenty-three acres of land.

Construction: Brick - Three story buildings

Population: 2034 480 White Families 16 Non-White Families

Average Length of Stay: Three years

Age Distribution: Pre-school (under 5) - 451
Elementary & Junior High (5-14) - 554
High School (15-17) - 64
(18-20) - 13
(21-64) - 935
(65 and over) - 47

Average rent: $70.00

Vacancies: As of September 1, 1962 - 1

STATE-AIDED HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

FRANKLIN FIELD

Ames Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts
Mr. Thomas Geagan, Manager-Tel: AV-2-6800

General Comments

Franklin Field Housing Development for the Elderly was opened for occupancy in 1962. The area is quiet and pleasant and much of the open space around the Project is well-groomed lawn. Benches and walks are provided and give residents an opportunity for chatting and sunning in the good weather. It is away from the main traffic area yet close enough to provide easy access to transportation and community facilities. Another development consisting of 80 dwelling units is now under construction adjacent to the present Project and both will provide 160 units of housing for the elderly.

Transportation

The MTA operates bus service on Blue Hill Avenue and Talbot Avenue which run every ten minutes during the day and every fifteen minutes in the evening hours with special "rush hour" runs every five minutes. Commuting time to downtown Boston is approximately twenty-five minutes.

Churches

Within the vicinity of the Project are several churches and synagogues including: St. Matthew's and St. Leo's Roman Catholic, St. Mark's Episcopal and the Second Church of Dorchester, Congregation Chai Odom, Congregation Agudas Achim and Temple Mishkan Tefila.

Medical Facilities

About one quarter of a mile from the Project is the Harvard Street Health Unit and Carney Hospital provides in and out patient care for residents of the area. Doctors and visiting nurses are available to residents for house calls.

Recreational Facilities

Franklin Field and Franklin Park are within walking distance. There is a recreation center within the Project and Hecht House sponsors activities geared to the interests of residents of this Project.

Shopping Facilities

Blue Hill Avenue, Talbot Avenue and the American Legion Highway provide most shopping facilities within walking distance, easy car travel or MTA.

General Statistics

Franklin Field Housing Development consists of 80 dwelling units in two-story, wood frame with brick veneer buildings. All of the apartments have one bedroom.

Population: 100 79 White Families 1 Non-White Family

Average rent: $58.00

Vacancies: As of November 1, 1962 - None

FEDERALLY-AIDED HOUSING

FRANKLIN HILL AVENUE

Franklin Hill Avenue, Dorchester, Massachusetts
Mr. John Geaghan, Manager-Tel: AV-2-6800

General Comments

The Franklin Hill Avenue Housing Development in Dorchester is ideally situated for residential living with all of the conveniences of modern urban dwelling. Close proximity to the facilities of Franklin Park and Franklin Field offers hours of leisure-time enjoyment for people of all ages. This particular Project has an excellent reputation for property maintenance and the area is dotted with lovely gardens tended by some of the older residents.

One of the reasons for participation of Project residents in the larger community activities has been the active program of Franklin Hill Community Council which sponsors activities in the community building of the Project. Hecht House Jewish Community Center is immediately behind the Project and serves primarily Jewish families. Hecht House has a day-care program and a Golden Age Group and its facilities are available for various sports, theatre and meeting activities.

Transportation

Blue Hill Avenue MTA bus line is the nearest public transportation with access to Egleston Square and Dudley Street. Commuting time to downtown Boston is approximately twenty-five minutes. The MTA line runs every ten minutes during the day and every fifteen minutes during the evening, with special rush hour service every five minutes.

Schools

The Robert Treat Paine and Sarah Greenwood Public Elementary schools lie five blocks and one mile respectively from the Project area. St. Matthew's Parochial Elementary school is about one half mile as is the Solomon Lewenberg Junior High. The nearest public high schools are Dorchester High (two miles), Girls Latin (one mile) and Jeremiah Burke Girls High (one and one half miles).

Churches

Two Catholic churches, St. Matthew's and St. Leo's are within one half mile of the Project. Two Protestant churches, St. Mark's Episcopal and the Second Church of Dorchester service the Project area. There are also three Jewish Synagogues within one half mile - Congregation Chai Odom, Temple Mishkan Tefila and Congregation Agudas Achim.

Medical Facilities

Harvard Street Health Unit is conveniently located near the project (2 blocks), and private doctors and visiting nurses are available to project residents upon call. Carney Hospital (Catholic Sponsored) is about two miles away.

Recreational Facilities

Franklin Field and Franklin Park recreational facilities are readily available to project tenants. An MDC ice skating rink and swimming pool are under construction to add to Franklin Field's existing tennis courts, playing fields, etc. Basketball courts are also within walking distance. These large existing recreational facilities especially the tennis courts are underutilized.

FRANKLIN HILL

Shopping Facilities

Blue Hill Avenue and the American Legion Highway offer substantial facilities for shopping of various types to project residents and are both within considerable walking distance or by easy travel by car or MTA.

General Statistics

This Project was built in 1952 and consists of 375 dwelling units. There are 54 one bedroom, 189 two bedroom, 114 three bedroom, and 18 four bedroom apartments.

Construction: Brick - three story buildings

Population: 1,261 352 White Families 15 Non-White Families

Average Length of Stay: Five years

Age Distribution: Pre-school (under 5) - 311
Elementary & Junior High (5-14) - 376
High School (15-17) - 85
(18-20) - 85
(21-64) - 311
(65 and over) - 140

Average rent: $56.50

Vacancies: As of November 1, 1962 - 2

FEDERALLY-AIDED HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

ELM HILL

91 Ames Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts
Mr. Thomas Geagan, Manager-Tel: AV-2-6800

General Comments

Opened in 1962 for occupancy, the Elm Hill Housing Development for the Elderly provides a simply designed, beautifully constructed high rise building overlooking the Rose Gardens at Franklin Park. This is a lovely residential section and the neighborhood offers the Project residents convenience and built-in comfortable surroundings.

The six-story building provides elevators and two sun decks are available to residents atop the sixth floor. One view overlooks Franklin Park and a sourthern exposure while the other offers a view of the City and Boston Harbor.

The building is well equipped with safety features geared to the needs and protection of its residents.

Transportation

The Seaver Street bus runs in front of the Project and operates every five minutes during the day and every ten minutes during the evening hours. Commuting time to downtown Boston is approximately thirty minutes.

Churches

Churches in the vicinity include: St. Hugh's Roman Catholic and Eliot Congregational Church. Several Synagogues are located in the general vicinity.

Medical Facilities

Hospital facilities providing both in and out patient care would be either Boston City Hospital or Jewish Memorial Hospital. Doctors and Visiting Nurses are available to residents for house calls.

Recreational Facilities

Franklin Park is just across the street from this Project and residents may spend many leisure hours here in good weather. The Project provides two sun decks on the top of the building and a community hall is available for social gatherings.

Shopping Facilities

Within one half mile are shopping facilities on Grove Hall or Humboldt Avenue. The Seaver Street bus runs to Egleston Square for more general shopping.

ELM HILL

General Statistics

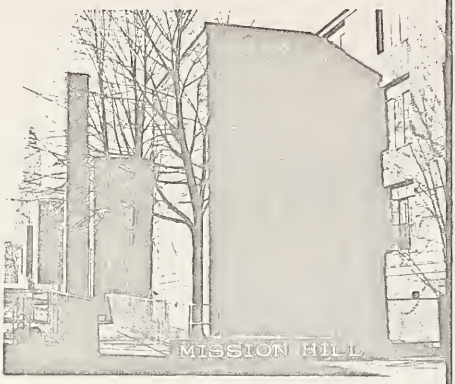
The Elm Hill Housing Development was opened for occupancy to elderly residents in 1962 and contains 86 dwelling units (all one bedroom apartments) in a high rise brick, concrete and steel constructed building.

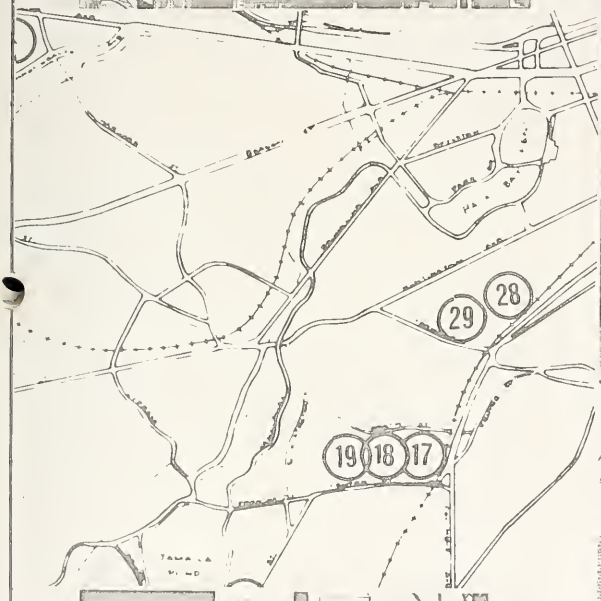
Population: 132 73 White Families 13 Non-White Families

Average rent: $49.00

Vacancies: As of November 1, 1962 - None

BOSTON PUBLIC HOUSING





PARKER HILL AREA

FEDERALLY-AIDED HOUSING

HEATH STREET

42 Horan Way, Roxbury, Massachusetts
Mr. Robert Driscoll, Manager-Tel: HI-5-7500

General Comments

The Heath Street Project being easily accessible to transportation, schools, churches and hospitals, facilitates a high degree of integration into the overall community. Various programs are available to tenants such as an all-day-care program for pre-schoolers of working mothers operated as a Red Feather Agency. The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood House provides a complete program of activities for young people and its Senior Citizens group is outstandingly active with picnics, tours, and Whist and Bridge parties. Shopping is easily done on Centre and Dudley streets and downtown shopping is accommodated by a short bus ride. The location of Bromley Park Project across the street makes it possible for residents of each Project to use facilities and services in the other area and thus to have a richer variety available to them. Many occupants of Heath Street Project are old time residents of this neighborhood and feel completely at home here.

Transportation

Commuting time to downtown is just twenty-five minutes via the Centre and Heath Street MTA line which operates every ten minutes in daytime and every fifteen minutes in the evening.

Schools

Contiguous to the project are three public elementary schools - Wyman-Jefferson, Lowell and Bulfinch and Blessed Sacrament parochial elementary school. The Mary Curley Junior High and the Jamaica Plain High School are within one mile and Mission and Blessed Sacrament, both parochial high schools, are within a mile and one quarter of the Project.

Churches

Adjacent to the Project is Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and within $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles are four Protestant Churches: Baptist, Congregational, Episcopal and Methodist. The nearest Jewish Synagogue would be in either Dorchester or Brookline.

Medical Facilities

Heath Street Project is ideally situated for its proximity to public and private health facilities. In the adjacent Bromley Park Project are located both a Well-Baby Clinic and a Health and Dental Clinic operated by the Public Health Department with Harvard University. Nearby hospitals are: New England Baptist, Peter Bent Brigham, Faulkner Hospital and the Mass. Osteopathic as well as several others. A public health nurse is available at all times to Project residents and doctors are available for house calls.

Recreational Facilities

The Project provides outdoor spray pools and an arts and crafts program. The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood House sponsors activities for all age groups and the Heath Street Gymnasium boasts of a championship basketball team. In addition, there are play areas for children as well as benches and walks.

HEATH STREET

Shopping Facilities

Retail marketing and shopping may be conveniently done on Centre, Heath and Dudley Streets.

General Statistics

The Heath Street Housing Development is situated between Roxbury and Jamaica Plain and was built in 1942 to provide 420 dwelling units. There are 87 one bedroom 186 two bedroom, 105 three bedroom, 36 four bedroom and 6 five bedroom apartments. Project grounds cover almost ten acres of land.

Construction: Brick - three story buildings

Population: 1503 397 White Families 11 Non-White Families

Average Length of Stay: Three to Five years

Age Distribution: Pre-school (under 5) - 267
Elementary & Junior High (5-14) - 429
High School (15-17) - 88
(18-20) - 31
(21-64) - 582
(65 and over) - 106

Average rent: $56.00

Vacancies: As of September 1, 1962 - 8

FEDERALLY-AIDED HOUSING

BROMLEY PARK

Centre Street, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts
Mr. Robert Driscoll, Manager-Tel: HI-5-7500

General Comments

The variety of leisure-time activities offered for residents of the Bromley Park and Heath Street Projects adds greatly to this particular housing development. There are whist parties every night in the recreation hall attended mostly by the elderly residents; parents and friends cheer on a champion basket-ball team sponsored by the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood House, girls attend tap dancing, ballet, cooking and sewing clubs, and all ages participate in the dramatic clubs. The neighboring Heath Street and Bickford Street Projects tend to multiply the variety of resources available to Bromley Park residents.

Transportation

Commuting time to downtown Boston is about twenty-three minutes from Bromley Park via MTA lines at Heath, Dudley and Centre Streets. These buses run approximately every twelve minutes during the day and fifteen minutes in the evening.

Schools

Schools abound in this district, both public and parochial elementary and high schools. There are Wyman-Jefferson, Lowell-Bulfinch, Blessed Sacrament, Mission High, Mary Curley Junior High, and Jamaica Plain High, all within access of children from the Project.

Churches

Adjacent to the Project is Blessed Sacrament; Our Lady of Lourdes is within walking distance. There are Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal and Congregational churches within some distance of the Project area and Jewish residents may attend Synagogues in either Brookline or Dorchester - about four miles distant.

Medical Facilities

Residents of this project have access to a wide assortment of public and private medical facilities; namely - Well-Baby Clinic in Bromley Park Project, Curtis Hall (Boston Public Health Unit), Faulkner Hospital, Longwood Hospital, New England Baptist Hospital, V.A. Hospital and Mass. Osteopathic Hospital as well as the Harvard University sponsored Health and Dental Clinic. A public health nurse is on full-time duty at the Project and doctors are available for house calls.

Recreational Facilities

Bromley Park provides a large, hard-topped play area for its young people as well as two recreation centers (branches of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood House), which sponsor activities such as gym, cooking, sewing, wood-working, arts and crafts, dancing, etc. Jamaica Plain Neighborhood House provides recreational and organizational activities for every age grouping of Project residents. A full-time Day-Care Center is available in the Project as well as active programs for the elderly.

BROMLEY PARK

Shopping Facilities

The nearest neighborhood shopping center is continguous to the Project and provides an assortment of small shops and variety stores for everyday shopping.

General Statistics

Bromley Park opened for occupancy in 1954 and contains 732 dwelling units. There are 122 one bedroom, 300 two bedroom, 260 three bedroom, 38 four bedroom, and 12 five bedroom apartments. The Project grounds cover an area of almost fourteen acres.

Construction: Brick - three to seven story buildings

Population: 2699 518 White Families 196 Non-White Families

Average Length of Stay: 50% of population are original tenants

Age Distribution: Pre-school (under 5) - 520
Elementary & Junior High (5-14) - 765
High School (15-17) - 140
(18-20) - 50
(21-64) - 977
(65 and over) - 247

Average rent: $54.00 (includes cost of heat and utilities)

Vacancies: As of September 1, 1962 - 21

FEDERALLY-AIDED HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

BICKFORD STREET
(Part of Bromley Park)

Bickford Street, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts
Mr. Robert Driscoll, Manager-Tel: HI-5-7500

General Comments

The Bickford Street Project offers several advantages to elderly residents including the convenience of transportation and neighborhood facilities and the special medical services. The area is highly populated and residents participate in the affairs of the larger Project community.

The apartments are designed to accommodate the needs and requirements of elderly residents. Each apartment has an alarm system which opens the front door in the event a resident needs assistance. Guard rails have been installed in the bathrooms to aid the residents and the management is constantly alert to the needs of the residents.

Besides the recreational facilities provided by the management, the Jamaica Plain House sponsors a Senior Citizens Group which is quite active in the area and among the most successful in Boston. In addition, this Project is not too far from the Arboretum and Jamaica Pond and affords residents opportunity for quiet pastime.

Transportation

Several MTA bus lines operate near the Bickford Street Project including Centre Street, Heath Street to Dudley and Huntington Avenue lines. Buses run every twelve minutes during the day and every fifteen minutes in the evening. Commuting time to downtown Boston is approximately twenty-five minutes.

Churches

Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Lourdes are two Catholic Churches in the vicinity of the Project. Protestant churches in the area include: Baptist, Methodist, Congregational and Episcopal. Synagogues are available in Dorchester, Brookline or Roxbury, a distance of about four or five miles.

Medical Facilities

The Boston Public Health Unit (Curtis Hall - 1½ miles), Longwood Hospital, V.A. Hospital, New England Baptist, Mass. Osteopathic and several other clinics and hospitals are in close proximity to the Bickford Project. Doctors and visiting nurses are available upon call and the Harvard University School of Public Health operates a clinic in the Project with a District Nurse on duty. A social worker is available on Thursdays and Fridays.

Recreational Facilities

The management has provided a recreation hall on the first floor of one of the buildings for use by the residents. It is equipped with a television set, card tables and folding chairs and has a complete kitchen. Whist and bridge parties are held frequently and the residents often plan picnics and tours.

BICKFORD STREET

Shopping Facilities

Within one block are several neighborhood stores which supply most of the household needs including Stop & Stop supermarket, launderettes, dry cleaners, restaurants, etc. The MTA bus line stops directly in front of the Project which facilitates any shopping at a further distance.

General Statistics

The Bickford Street Project for the Elderly was opened in September, 1962 on the site of an old school building and in the center of the Bromley Park Project. It consists of 64 one bedroom apartments in a high rise, brick building across the street from a large factory.

Population: 74 66 White 8 Non-White

Average rent: $50.00 (includes cost of heat and utilities)

Vacancies: As of October 1, 1962 - None

FEDERALLY-AIDED HOUSING

MISSION HILL

176 Ward Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts
Mr. James Curley, Manager-Tel: HI-5-6340

General Comments

Mission Hill Project boasts tremendous community spirit and pride. The Project is subsidized by the Federal Government which provides funds for up-keep, link fences and shrubbery. The neighbors are noted for their contributions to the Blood Bank and support for community projects. Several of the elderly tenants take great pride in their lovely flower gardens. There are many residents who have lived there since the project's opening in 1940. The Project, however, is situated in a highly trafficed area and much of the surrounding neighborhood is run-down.

Transportation

Mission Hill is conveniently located to public transportation facilities. The MTA runs every ten minutes during the day and every twenty minutes at night, taking approximately fifteen minutes to downtown Boston. Buses on the Tremont Street line leave for Dudley Station for connections to Allston. Within three minutes walk is the Huntington Avenue line for Park Street.

Schools

Several schools are located within a half mile of the Mission Hill Project. They are: Maurice Tobin and Ira Allen School (next to the Project), Mission School English High, Boston Latin and Trade School, Mission High.

Churches

The majority of residents of the Mission Hill Project are Catholic and are parishioners of either St. Francis de Sales or attend Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on Tremont Street. The Greek Orthodox Cathedral is located on Parker and Ruggles Streets, within walking distance. Several Protestant churches are also within walking distance. There are no Jewish Synagogues nearby.

Medical Facilities

The nearest Health Unit operated by the City of Boston is located on Whittier Street. The nearest hospital is the Peter Bent Brigham (3 blocks). Other hospitals within easy access include the Boston City, Beth Israel, Robert Bent Brigham and New England Baptist Hospitals. Mission Hill Project is also served by the Visiting Nurse Association through its city-wide program.

Recreational Facilities

The Project provides several programs which attract people of all age groups. There is a nursery operated for pre-schoolers, basketball and play areas for the older children as well as spray pools in the summer. Boys and girls can become members of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and there is a private indoor recreation hall for meetings, dances and parties.

Shopping Facilities

Within one half mile of the project there are several chain stores and small

Shopping Facilities (continued)

grocery stores available for daily shopping as well as a large supermarket on Tremont Street. As mentioned before downtown shopping can be facilitated with a fifteen minute ride on the MTA.

General Statistics

Mission Hill Project was built in 1940 and covers almost twenty acres of land in the Roxbury section of Boston. It is one of the largest public housing projects consisting of 1,023 dwelling units. There are 339 one bedroom, 414 two bedroom, 198 three bedroom and 72 four bedroom apartments.

Construction: 39 brick, three-story buildings

Population: 2,553 One Non-White Family presently

Average Length of Stay: Fifteen years

Age Distribution: Pre-school (under 5) - 291
Elementary & Junior High (5-14) - 599
High School (15-17) - 221
(18-20)-103
(21-64) - 1042
(65 and over) - 330

Average rent: $62.00 (includes cost of heat and utilities)

Vacancies: As of September 1, 1962 - 5

FEDERALLY-AIDED HOUSING

MISSION HILL EXTENSION

Ruggles Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts
Mr. Leo Curley, Manager-Tel: HI-5-6340

General Comments

Mission Hill and Mission Hill Extension are two of the city's housing developments which do not present the most ideal residential location. The main line of the N.Y. N.H. & Hartford Railroad runs in back of Mission Hill Extension and the surrounding streets are heavily trafficed. However, there are many advantages to living in this areas such as convenience to community facilities. Several tenants have taken advantage of some green areas to plant small flower gardens and the over-all identity with the larger community lessens the sense of isolation.

Transportation

Commuting time to downtown Boston is about twenty minutes from three MTA lines located near the Mission Hill Extension Project. Dudley Street, Huntington Avenue and Columbus Avenue buses run about every ten minutes during the day and every fifteen minutes in the evening.

Schools

Within the vicinity of Mission Hill Extension are several schools: Maurice Tobin and Ira Allen (Public), Mission (Parochial) for elementary school youngsters; Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic High School and English, Latin and Trade High Schools.

Churches

The Greek Orthodox Cathedral fronts one corner of the Project and within walking distance there are two Catholic churches, St. Francis de Sales and Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Mission).

Medical Facilities

Mission Hill Extension has easy access to several of the City's medical facilities such as Boston City Hospital, Whittier Street Health Unit, Peter Bent Brigham and Robert Bent Brigham Hospital, Beth Israel Hospital, etc. The project is regularly visited by Visiting Nurses and Public Health Nurses and doctors are available for house calls.

Recreational Facilities

Basketball courts, spray pools, tot lots and playgrounds are all provided on the Project grounds. Neighborhood recreation facilities are also readily available to Project residents. There is a critical lack of organized recreation programs in Mission Hill Extension.

Shopping Facilities

With a half mile radius there are shopping facilities of all kinds available to Project residents on Huntington Avenue, Parker and Tremont Streets as well as at Brigham's Corner. However, there is no major shopping center near the Project.

MISSION HILL EXTENSION

General Statistics

The Mission Hill Extension was built in 1952, and covers an area of almost twelve acres of land. It provides 84 one bedroom, 252 two bedroom, 210 three bedroom, and 42 four bedroom apartments.

Construction: Brick - Some three-story, some seven-story high rise buildings.

Population: 2,333 80 White Families 504 Non-White Families

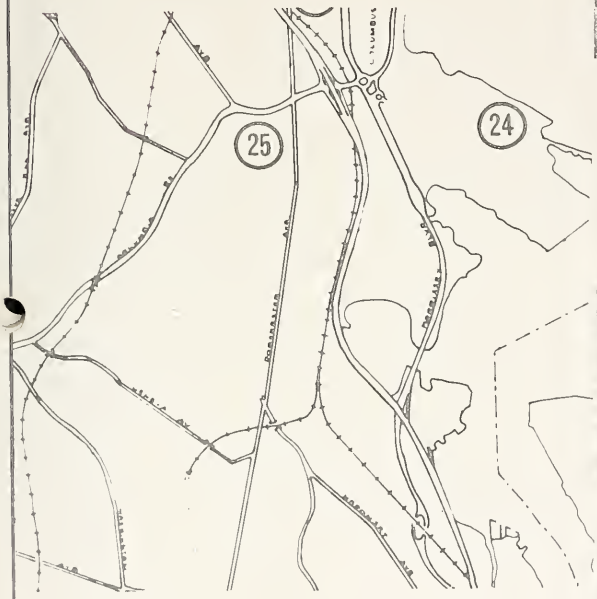
Average Length of Stay: Eight years

Age Distribution: Pre-school (under 5)-440
Elementary & Junior High (5-14) - 803
High School (15-17) - 139
(18-20) - 70
(21-64) - 788
(65 and over) - 93

Average rent: $56.00 (includes cost of heat and utilities)

Vacancies: As of September 1, 1962 - 4

BOSTON PUBLIC HOUSING



NORTH DORCHESTER

FEDERALLY-AIDED HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

ANNAPOLIS STREET

Uphams Corner Area, Dorchester, Massachusetts
Mr. Leo Donovan, Manager-Tel: CO-5-1274

General Comments

Located in a residential area of privately-owned homes, the Annapolis Street Project provides pleasant, comfortable surroundings as well as the safe and secure housing required for elderly residents. In a quiet area, the Project is still located near the center of activity for the larger community. The Project opened for occupancy in September, 1962.

Transportation

The nearest MTA bus line operates on Columbia Road and Stoughton Street with commuting time to downtown Boston approximately twenty-five minutes. Buses run every ten minutes during the day and every twenty minutes in the evening hours.

Churches

St. Margaret's Catholic Church is within walking distance of the Project. About one half mile distant is St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Several other churches and synagogues are within a two mile radius.

Medical Facilities

Boston City Hospital provides the nearest in and out patient care for residents of Annapolis Street Project. Doctors and Visiting nurses are also available for house calls.

Recreational Facilities

Columbus Park is located not far from the Project as is Carson Beach. There is a Municipal Building on Columbia Road (about 3/4 mile) and a community room for meetings and social gatherings is located in the Project itself.

Shopping Facilities

The nearest shopping may be done at Uphams Corner, a two block walk. Shops, supermarkets and small stores located here provide the usual grocery and household needs.

General Statistics

Annapolis Street Project has 56 dwelling units (51 one bedroom and 5 two bedroom apartments). The buildings are one story, wood frame with brick veneering. Each apartment is equipped with safety devices to assist the residents.

Population: 80 54 White Families 2 Non-White Families

Average rent: $51.00

Vacancies: As of November 1, 1962 - None

FEDERALLY-AIDED HOUSING

COLUMBIA POINT

Mt. Vernon Street, South Boston, Massachusetts
Mr. Leo Donovan, Manager-Tel: CO-5-1274

General Comments

Columbia Point Project has a distinct disadvantage in that it is not located in a normal neighborhood with its normal facilities, particularly shopping; however special means of transportation for schools, churches and shopping have helped alleviate this. Another drawback is the proximity of an odoriferous dump and the heavy truck traffic to and from it. In this connection, the residents of this Project have developed a strong community spirit and have actively worked to close the dump. Through a tenant organization, they provide leadership for recreation programs and other neighborhood activities.

Among the strong assets of this Project must be counted its wonderful view of Boston Harbor, its ample playing areas and the quality of community facilities, for example, Dever School, St. Christopher's Church, Columbia Point Center and playground. There is ample parking and abundant open space.

Transportation

A unique service is provided residents of Columbia Point in that the South Boston Chamber of Commerce supplies free bus transportation for week-end shopping to the South Boston shopping areas and return trip. In addition, MTA buses run from the Project to Columbia Station connecting with the Dorchester-Harvard Square subway, every ten minutes during the day and every fifteen to twenty minutes during the evening until 12:30 or 1:00 a.m.

Schools

Paul A. Dever elementary school, one of the city's newest schools, provides classes for the first through the fourth grade and is located in the Project area. Children in grades five through eight are taken by special school buses to the Taft elementary and William E. Russell Junior High. Two parochial elementary schools serve the Project children, St. Mary's and St. Margaret's, both about one mile distance, which also provide bus service. High Schools within a mile and one half include: South Boston High, Boston College High, Monsignor Ryan High and Archbishop Cushing High School for Girls.

Churches

St. Christopher's Catholic church is located within the Project and Protestant residents are presently planning to establish an Inter-Faith Chapel within the Project and Pilgrim Congregational provides buses for Sunday School. Protestant churches at Upham Corner (two miles) include: St. Mary's Episcopal, Stoughton Street Baptist and Pilgrim Congregational. There are about 150 residents of Jewish Faith and these residents are hoping to establish a Synagogue within the Project, since the nearest Synagogue is seven miles away.

Medical Facilities

A Public Health Department Clinic is located within the Project and provides dental care for the children. The nearest hospitals are Boston City and Mass. Memorial. The Dorchester Unit of the Visiting Nurse Association has a nurse who

spends most of her time in the Project. Boston Dispensary's Home Medical Service visits the home-bound sick and is currently launching a research project which will provide medical care on the spot to all residents who need it.

Recreational Facilities

Columbia Point has a variety of recreational facilities which include: 1) A five-acre playground including: two basketball courts (converted to skating in winter); Little League diamond, softball diamond, spray pool, roller skating area, and large area for pre-schoolers; 2) Columbia Point Center has an auditorium used for community meetings and a variety of indoor activities (exclusive of basketball), four smaller activity rooms for handicrafts, Senior Citizens, half-day nursery, pool and ping pong tables, and woodworking; 3) Paul Dever School has an all-purpose playroom which has been converted for use for basketball and is fully utilized; 4) St. Christopher's Church has a very active CYO program making use of parish hall facilities; 5) Carson Beach is only 3/4 mile distant as is Columbus Park, a major recreational area.

Full and active recreational programs are available to all age groups in either the Columbia Point Center or St. Christopher's Church. The excellent playground facility is under-utilized and lacks organized activities except for the Park Department's summer playground leaders.

Shopping Facilities

Columbia Point has a major deficiency of neighborhood and major shopping facilities. The nearest supermarket is a mile distant and not reachable by public transportation. The only small stores are a grocery, drug store, barber shop and clothing store.

General Statistics

The Columbia Point Project was built in 1954 on the Dorchester-South Boston line, overlooking Boston Harbor. It consists of 196 one bedroom, 584 two bedroom, 496 three bedroom, 180 four bedroom and 48 five bedroom apartments. The buildings and ground space cover an area of almost 28 acres of land.

Construction: Brick - 27 high rise buildings

Population: 5837 1229 White Families 204 Non-White Families

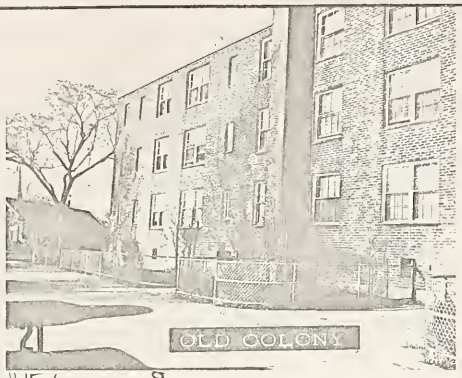
Average Length of Stay: Three to Five years

Age Distribution: Pre-school (under 5) - 1207
Elementary & Junior High (5-14) - 2158
High School (15-17) - 284
(18-20)-125
(21-64) - 1196
(65 and over) - 428

Average rent: $50.00 (includes cost of heat and utilities)

Vacancies: As of September 1, 1962 - 71

BOSTON PUBLIC HOUSING



SOUTH BOSTON

FEDERALLY-AIDED HOUSING

OLD COLONY

265 E. 9th Street, South Boston, Massachusetts
Mr. E.J. O'Brien, Manager-Tel: AN-9-0150

General Comments

Old Colony is situated in a cohesive residential neighborhood and is conveniently located for easy access to transportation and public facilities. The project is well-integrated into the larger community and enjoys excellent relations with the larger community. There is a substantial number of both private and public recreational opportunities offered to all ages and the Project residents have taken advantage of these opportunities.

The grounds of the Project are very well-kept and many of the tenants tend their own small plots of land for gardens, etc. The streets are lined with shade trees.

The Project sponsors a Senior Citizens group as well as a Mothers Club. There is not, however, a play school operated on the Project grounds at present.

Transportation

The Project is just two blocks from the subway at Andrew Square and the Bay View bus line commutes to downtown Boston in just twenty minutes.

Schools

The Perkins Public Elementary school is located within the Project. Other schools in the vicinity include: St. Augustine's Parochial Elementary; Gavin Public Junior High (one block), South Boston High (seven blocks), and Gate of Heaven Parochial High (fourteen blocks).

Churches

Two Catholic churches service Project residents: St. Monica's across the street and St. Augustine's which is one block distant. Several Protestant churches of various denominations are available within the vicinity and Jewish Synagogues may be attended in Dorchester or Roxbury about three miles distance.

Medical Facilities

The Rosengard Clinic is located on Broadway about nine blocks from the Project and the South Boston Health Unit is on 4th Street. Boston City Hospital would be the nearest hospital facility and doctors and visiting nurses are available to residents upon call. Public Health Nurses and the Sisters of Charity also do home visiting in the area.

Recreational Facilities

Several small play areas are provided within the Project grounds. The Project has its own library and children of the Project attend programs at the Girls and Boys Clubs. There is a public gymnasium in the vicinity and a large playground at Columbus Park. The Project has a recreation hall within its grounds and Olivia James House sponsors Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops. Carson Beach is within easy walking distance. A branch of the Boston Public Library is located within the Project.

Shopping Facilities

Several small chain stores and local shops are located within close proximity of the Project; supermarkets, drug stores, etc., are all within walking distance.

General Statistics

Old Colony Project is one of the older Housing Developments, built in 1940. There are 873 dwelling units with 273 one bedroom, 352 two bedroom, 174 three bedroom and 74 four bedroom apartments. The Project covers almost seventeen acres.

Construction: Brick - Three story buildings

Population: 3,016 Presently All White Families

Average Length of Stay: Five years

Age Distribution: Pre-school (under 5) - 474
Elementary & Junior High (5-14) - 642
High School (15-17) - 158
(18-20) - 76
(21-64) - 1823
(65 and over) - 176

Average rent: $40.00 (includes cost of heat and utilities)

Vacancies: As of October 1, 1962 - 5

STATE-AIDED HOUSING

BROADWAY

222 D. Street, South Boston, Massachusetts
Mr. Edward Meehan, Manager-Tel: AN-8-8860

General Comments

The obvious advantages of this Project are close proximity to shopping, transportation, churches and schools. The neighborhood is of a mixed nature in that light industry, commercial and some private residential use is made of the area. Tenants of the Project thus find easy access to work, shopping and leisure-time activities.

The Project itself is a well-integrated unit of the general neighborhood and participates actively in over-all community affairs. The neighborhood is noted for its Irish background.

There is good allowance made for open space but a notable lack of trees and grass areas on the Project grounds, and the over-all appearance would improve with landscaping. However, the buildings themselves blend well with the larger community.

Transportation

A bus leaves every eight minutes from 7th Street to Kneeland Street. The Broadway bus runs every fifteen minutes with commuting time to downtown about ten minutes. Buses run until 12:40 A.M.

Schools

There are three public elementary schools located within the Project grounds: The Howe, Frisbee Hoar and Norcross Schools. St. Augustine's Parochial elementary is adjacent to the Project and within one half mile are South Boston High and Cardinal Cushing and Gate of Heaven Catholic High Schools.

Churches

Two Catholic churches face the Project: St. Augustine's and St. Peter and Paul. Protestant Churches in the area include: St. Mary's Episcopal, Albanian and Russian Orthodox churches. The nearest Synagogue would be in Dorchester.

Medical Facilities

The South Boston Health Unit is located on Dorchester Street about four blocks distance and the Rosengard Clinic is adjacent to the Project. The nearest hospital would be Boston City. Public health and Visiting nurses are available to residents upon call.

Recreational Facilities

A wading pool and play areas are provided on the Project grounds and children use the facilities of the Columbus Park as well as the Boys and Girls Clubs. Transportation is easily accessible for youngsters to go to the L. Street Bath House. There are no organized recreation programs within the project.

BROADWAY

Shopping Facilities

This particular Project is conveniently located near the major shopping center on Broadway which provides chain stores and shops of all kinds.

General Statistics

The Broadway or "D" Street Project was built in 1949 and consists of 972 dwelling units. There are 207 one bedroom, 360 two bedroom, 264 three bedroom, 93 four bedroom, and 48 five bedroom apartments. The Project grounds cover an area of almost twenty-seven acres.

Construction: Brick - three story buildings

Population: 3,250 943 White Families 15 Non-White Families

Average Length of Stay: Five years

Age Distribution: Pre-school (under 5) - 623
Elementary & Junior High (5-14) - 986
High School (15-17) - 107
(18-20) - 39
(21-64) - 1179
(65 and over) - 207

Average rent: $59.00 (includes cost of heat and utilities)

Vacancies: As of September 1, 1962 - 8

MARY ELLEN McCORMACK
(Old Harbor)
345 Old Colony Boulevard, South Boston, Massachusetts
Mr. James Concannon, Manager-Tel: GE-6-4110

General Comments

Mary Ellen McCormack Project is often considered by residents and officials of the Housing Authority as one of the most desirable of all of the city's projects. It is almost the entire residential area fronted by Morrissey Boulevard and backed by the MTA line, close to both public and private recreational facilities. Whereas transportation is convenient, shopping is not especially so for residents, but the attractions of the area far outweigh these factors. The very low turnover rate for this Project is readily understandable. The residents take great pride in their gardens and the grounds are very well-kept. Grown trees line the sidewalks and several flowering window boxes are in evidence. Clothes lines and play areas are provided for residents.

There is ample open space provided between the houses and the residents seem to enjoy a strong neighborhood feeling. One resident of the project is in charge of a day play school program costing $0.50 per week. There is also a Mothers Group within the Project which is made up of pre-school children's mothers and other interested mothers whose primary focus is support of the play school.

Transportation

The nearest MTA lines run from Columbia Station or Andrew Square and commute to downtown Boston in fifteen minutes. Buses run every ten minutes in daytime and every fifteen minutes during the evening with special service provided during the rush hours.

Schools

Local schools attended by Project children include: Andrew Public Elementary up to Grade 6 (2 blocks distance); St. Margaret's Parochial Elementary (one-half mile); South Boston High (two miles); Boston College Catholic High (one-half mile).

Churches

Churches in the vicinity are: St. Monica's Catholic church (adjacent), and three Protestant churches in Uphams Corner (about two miles), Baptist and Congregational as well as Episcopal. There is no Jewish Synagogue in South Boston.

Medical Facilities

The nearest Health Unit is the South Boston Health Unit on 4th Street and the nearest hospital is Boston City Hospital which is about three miles distance. Doctors and Visiting Nurses are available to residents upon call. The Sisters of Charity also do home visiting in this area.

Recreational Facilities

This Project is ideally situated close to Columbus Park with twenty-eight acres of land and Carson Beach with its bathing facilities. Private indoor facilities include the South Boston Municipal building and the Boston Boys and Girls Clubs, all about one mile from the Project.

Shopping Facilities

The nearest major shopping area is about two miles from the Project on Broadway and neighborhood shopping facilities are within one half mile at either Andrew Square or Morrissey Boulevard.

General Statistics

Mary Ellen McCormack (Old Harbor) Project built in 1938, is the oldest of the city's housing developments. It consists of 1,016 dwelling units covering an area of over twenty-seven acres. There are 413 one bedroom, 414 two bedroom, 189 three bedroom apartments.

Construction: Brick - three to four story row housing

Population: 3,075 - All White families presently

Average Length of Stay: Eight to ten years

Age Distribution: Pre-school (under 5) - 340
Elementary & Junior High (5-14) - 628
High School (15-17) - 227
(18-20) - 104
(21-64) - 1468
(65 and over) - 305

Average rent: $55.00

Vacancies: As of November 1, 1962 - 6

FEDERALLY-AIDED HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

BAY VIEW

1450 Columbia Road, South Boston, Massachusetts
Mr. Edward O'Brien, Manager-Tel: AN-8-0150

General Comments

This Project will not be open for occupancy until January, 1963. When completed it will add to the city's newest and finest living accommodations for its elderly citizens. The location affords tenants a lovely view of the water and access to community facilities and functions. Each apartment will be equipped with safety devices to meet the requirements and a resident caretaker will be available to assist the tenants with their needs.

The centrally-located recreation-meeting room will be equipped with a television set, card tables, chairs and kitchen and will serve as a common social center for the leisure-time activities of the residents.

The roof of the Project will serve as a lounging area and in the basement there will be laundry facilities. The project will also provide benches and lawn areas for leisurely sitting and chatting during the good weather.

Transportation

The Bay View bus line runs in front of the Project with commuting time to downtown Boston being approximately twenty minutes.

Churches

Gate of Heaven Catholic Church is four blocks from this project. There are several Protestant churches in the vicinity and Jewish Synagogues would be a distance of three miles, approximately, in either Roxbury or Dorchester.

Medical Facilities

Rosengard Clinic is located on Broadway and about seven blocks away is the Public Health Clinic on 4th Street. City Hospital is the nearest major medical facility. Doctors and visiting nurses will be available to tenants upon call, as well as the Laboure Visiting Nuns.

Recreational Facilities

This project faces Carson Beach in South Boston which offers sunning and bathing facilities for residents. In addition, recreational facilities in the vicinity include: L. Street Bath House, Columbus Park and the Branch Library. Bay View will also be equipped with a centrally-located recreation-meeting room.

Shopping Facilities

Within one block are several neighborhood stores and shops; the nearest large supermarket is a three block walk.

BAY VIEW

General Statistics

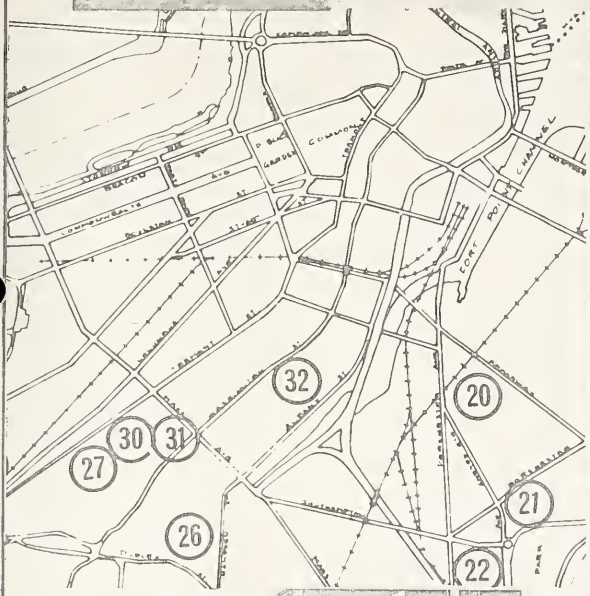
Bay View Housing Development will provide 96 one bedroom apartments one, very modern high rise building, whose sides are broken up into many angles so that each apartment is afforded a view of the sea.

Minimum rent: $45.00

BOSTON PUBLIC HOUSING

27 WHITTIER STREET

23 CATHEDRAL



LENOX STREET

26 ORCHARD PARK

CAMDEN STREET

Camden Street, Boston, Massachusetts
Mr. William Hutchinson, Manager-Tel: LI-2-5416

General Comments

Camden Street Project offers sufficient convenience to neighborhood shops, churches, schools and other public and private facilities. The Project itself provides small outdoor play areas and the Robert Gould Shaw House conducts programs for all members of the family.

There is ample space between the buildings and many trees and grass areas lend to a general attractive appearance of this Project. This neighborhood faces major demolition in the near future, although residential reuse is indicated near the Project.

Transportation

The Everett-Forest Hills line of the MTA operates close to the Camden Street Project with commuting time to downtown approximately fifteen minutes. Buses operate from Dudley Street to Park Square every fifteen minutes.

Schools

Schools in the vicinity include: Everett and Hyde Public Elementary schools, St. Francis de Sales Parochial elementary, Timilty Junior High, Girls High and Cathedral High, all within one mile of the Project area.

Churches

St. Phillip's Catholic Church is just two blocks and adjacent to the Project is People's Baptist Church. Within one mile are St. Cyprian's Episcopal and St. John's Episcopal.

Medical Facilities

The nearest health unit is located on East Concord Street, and the nearest major hospital is Boston City. Doctors and Visiting Nurses are available to residents upon call.

Recreational Facilities

There are no playgrounds in the area, but Robert Gould Shaw House is the nearest indoor recreational facility.

Shopping Facilities

The nearest major shopping center is at Dudley Street, about one mile from the Camden Street Project. Other stores and shops are available at Washington Street, about one block distant.

CAMDEN STREET

General Statistics

The Camden Street Project was built in 1949 and consists of 72 dwelling units covering an area close to two acres. There are 36 one bedroom, 18 two bedroom, and 18 three bedroom apartments.

Construction: Brick - three story-walk up buildings

Population: 1 White Family 71 Non-White Families

Average Length of Stay: Seven years

Age Distribution: Pre-school (under 5) - 31
Elementary & Junior High (5-14) - 127
High School (15-17) - 7
(18-20) - 2
(21-64) - 72
(65 and over) - 31

Average rent: $57.12 (includes cost of heat and utilities)

Vacancies: As of October 1, 1962 - None

SOUTH END
(Cathedral)

617 Harrison Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts
Mr. William Hutchinson, Manager-Tel: LI-2-5416

General Comments

Besides its convenience to downtown shopping, hospitals, churches and theaters, the South End Project enjoys many more advantages. A Community Services Center (extension of the United South End Settlements) is located within the development. Its staff works closely with the tenants and the management for the health, welfare and recreation of the community. Among the various programs available to tenants are the nursery school operated at the South Bay Union House, Elderly program at the South End House, the Cathedral Tenants' Association which sponsors outdoor movies, holiday parties, dances and discussions as well as serving as a means for tenants to express themselves in a group. The Project has a newsletter to which all tenants are invited to contribute copy. A 4-H program, homemaking, sports and discussion groups are all part of the over-all atmosphere of community living and cooperation actively supported by management and tenants. Volunteer students from Boston University devote many hours to tutoring in the academic subjects for project children and the project itself operates a library and recreation room which are used for discussions and the showing of films to all age groups.

By these varied techniques South End Project strives to encourage the type of healthy community living which can exist in all of Boston's public housing.

Transportation

The Forest Hills-Everett Elevated MTA adjacent to the project has trains running very frequently and commuting time to downtown is just about ten minutes. Buses on Washington Street run between Northhampton Street and Kneeland Street and there is bus transportation on all four sides of the project.

Schools

Several schools are within easy reach of the South End Project, Cathedral Elementary and High School (parochial) being adjacent to the project. In addition, three public elementary schools are within four blocks: Rice Franklin, Hurley and Joshua Bates Schools.

Churches

There is no lack of churches except Jewish Synagogues in the vicinity of the South End Project. Holy Cross Cathedral lies adjacent to it, while within five blocks there are the Lutheran Church, Armenian Holy Trinity Church, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Tremont Street Methodist Church, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and the Greek Orthodox Church.

Medical Facilities

The nearest Health Unit is on Concord Street and Mass Memorial Hospital faces the project area, one block south. Doctors and nurses (Visiting Nurse Association) are available when called. Both Boston City Hospital and the New England Medical Center are easily accessible to residents.

Recreational Facilities

Cathedral Project is situated near both public and private recreational facilities such as Blackstone Park and Rotch Playground, but these lack facilities and programming. The Municipal building and Public Library offer various leisure-time activities for those interested, as do the South Bay Union, South End House, Boys Club and the Cardinal Cushing Center for Spanish-speaking people.

Shopping Facilities

Major shopping needs can be realized in downtown Boston which is very close to the South End Project; some residents often walk, others use the MTA lines which run frequently and take about ten minutes. Adjacent to the project are small chain stores and shops on Washington Street for grocery and dry good needs.

General Statistics

The South End Housing Development or Cathedral, as it is commonly referred to, faces on Washington Street, between Northampton and Dover Street in the heart of the South End of Boston. It was built in 1951 and has 508 dwelling units, covering an area of approximately eight acres.

Construction: Brick - two to thirteen story buildings

Population: 1,841 224 White Families 275 Non-White Families

Average Length of Stay: Six years

Age Distribution: Pre-school (under 5) - 307
Elementary & Junior High (5-14) - 601
High School (15-17) - 93
(18-20) - 44
(21-64) - 627
(65 and over) - 173

Apartment Sizes: 160 one bedroom
164 two bedroom
160 three bedroom
23 four bedroom

Average rent: $55.70 (includes cost of heat and utilities)

Vacancies: As of September 1, 1962 - 4

FEDERALLY-AIDED HOUSING

LENOX STREET

Lenox Street & Shawmut Avenue, Roxbury, Massachusetts
Mr. William Hutchinson, Manager-Tel: LI-2-5416

General Comments

Lenox Street Project is located in a heavily populated section of Roxbury and is convenient to shopping, transportation, churches and schools. The surrounding neighborhood is quite run down and is scheduled for demolition. Re-use of the land is presently scheduled as residential near the Project. The Project itself provides safe, sanitary and decent housing for its tenants and the fact that residents remain an average of six years attests the satisfaction of residents with Project living.

Transportation

The Everett-Forest Hills line of the MTA operates close to the Lenox Street Project with commuting time to downtown Boston approximately fifteen minutes. Buses operate from Dudley Street to Park Square every fifteen minutes.

Schools

Schools in the vicinity include: Everett and Hyde Public elementary schools, St. Francis de Sales Parochial elementary, Timilty Junior High, Girls High and Cathedral High, all within one mile of the Project area.

Churches

St. Phillip's Catholic Church is just two blocks and adjacent to the Project is People's Baptist Church. Within one mile are St. Cyprian's Episcopal and St. John's Episcopal.

Medical Facilities

The nearest health unit is located on East Concord Street, and the nearest major hospital is Boston City. Doctors and visiting nurses are available for house calls.

Recreational Facilities

There is a critical lack of recreational facilities in the area of the Project, but Robert Gould Shaw House is the nearest indoor facility which provides programs for all members of the family.

Shopping Facilities

The nearest major shopping center is at Dudley Street, about one mile from the Lenox Street Project. Other stores and shops are available at Washington Street, about one block distant.

LENOX STREET

General Statistics

Built in 1940, the Lenox Street Project consists of 306 dwelling units covering an area of almost six acres. There are 144 one bedroom, 120 two bedroom and 42 three bedroom apartments

Construction: Brick - three story buildings

Population: 860 No White Families

Average Length of Stay: Six years

Age Distribution: Pre-school (under 5) - 142
Elementary & Junior High (5-14) - 194
High School (15-17) - 53
(18-20) - 30
(21-64) - 343
(65 and over) - 98

Average rent: $51.37

Vacancies: As of September 1, 1962 -6

FEDERALLY-AIDED HOUSING

WHITTIER STREET

Whittier Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts
Mr. William J. Hutchinson, Manager-Tel: LI-2-5416

General Comments

There has been a continual series of demolitions of buildings in this area of Roxbury due to rotting supports of tenement buildings. The Inner Belt highway, when constructed, will go through this area. The public housing project is rapidly becoming the only standard housing in the area. The present project population is predominantly non-white. Current Urban Renewal plans call for continued residential use of land around the project. The fact that the project residents have become a stabilizing influence in the area is a credit to the Boston Housing Authority management and the residents.

Transportation

Whittier Street Project is conveniently located near the Tremont Street MTA line with commuting time to downtown Boston about one half hour. The MTA line operates every twelve minutes during the day and about every fifteen minutes in the evening.

Schools

The Asa Gray and William Bacon public elementary schools are both within four blocks of the Project. St. Francis de Sales Parochial elementary school lies about two blocks away. Both Timilty Junior High and Girls High School are within one mile of Whittier Street and Mission Hill High is about three quarters of a mile distant.

Churches

Adjacent to the Project is the Ruggles Street Baptist Church and within three blocks are St. John's Episcopal and St. Cyprian's Episcopal Churches. Mission Catholic Church is approximately three quarters of a mile distant.

Medical Facilities

Whittier Street Health Unit (adjacent) and Peter Bent Brigham Hospital (3/4 mile) are the nearest medical facilities to the Project. Doctors and Visiting Nurses are available to the residents upon calling.

Recreational Facilities

Cooper Community Center on Ruggles and Williams Streets operates various activities for all age groups of Project residents, and Madison Park, once a showplace now sits isolated due to extensive demolition of condemned buildings in the area. Both facilities are within three blocks of the Whittier Street Project.

Shopping Facilities

The nearest major shopping center for residents would be the Dudley Street area which is about five blocks distance. Neighborhood stores of various kinds are located on Tremont Street as well as at Dudley Street. The nearest supermarket is located on Washington Street about five blocks away.

WHITTIER STREET

General Statistics

The Whittier Street Housing Development is in the Roxbury Section of Boston, close to Tremont Street, not far from Northeastern University. It was built in 1953 and provides a total of 200 dwelling units with 12 one bedroom, 111 two bedroom, 65 three bedroom, and 12 four bedroom apartments.

Construction: Brick - three to six story buildings

Population: 859 189 Non-White Families 9 White Families

Average Length of Stay: Seven Years

Age Distribution: Pre-school (under 5) - 290
Elementary & Junior High (5-14) - 327
High School (15-17) - 47
(18-20) - 13
(21-64) - 290
(65 and over) - 13

Average rent: $56.55 (includes cost of heat and utilities)

Vacancies: As of September 1, 1962 - 2

FEDERALLY-AIDED HOUSING

ORCHARD PARK

26 Ambrose Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts
Mr. Lloyd Howard, Manager-Tel: HI-5-1700

General Comments

In general, the Orchard Park Housing Development is an integrated unit of the over-all neighborhood. It does seem to lack some of the spirited organizations of other housing developments, but there is considerable potential community involvement through the efforts of Roxbury Neighborhood House with interested tenants and the cooperation of the new manager.

The Project at one time operated a pre-school nursery and a Boy Scout Troop and there are opportunities for every age group to find and enjoy companionship to their liking as well as activities to participate in during their leisure hours.

Like all of Boston's Public Housing, Orchard Park's own buildings offer pleasant, healthy environments for children to grow and to play in, but much of the surrounding neighborhood exhibits the mixed uses and disintegration characteristic of areas about to be renewed.

Transportation

Commuting time to downtown Boston is twenty minutes from the Project. Residents can take the MTA line from Dudley Street where buses run every ten minutes in the daytime and every fifteen minutes at night.

Schools

The Dearborn, Aaron Davis and Palma Public Elementary schools are within close vicinity of the Project. St. Patrick's Parochial Elementary and St. Patrick's High School lie approximately one fourth of a mile from the Project. Both Girls and Roxbury Clerical Schools are within a half mile.

Churches

Two Catholic parishes serve the Project area, St. Patrick's about one half mile and St. Philip's about one mile distant. Adjacent to the Project is the Spiritual Protestant Church at at approximately one mile is the Dudley Street Baptist Church. There are no Jewish Synagogues within close range.

Medical Facilities

The nearest health unit is the South End Health Unit about one mile distance and the nearest hospitals are Boston City and Mass. Memorial. Doctors and visiting nurses are available on call.

Recreational Facilities

A city playground, wading pools, baseball diamond, basketball court and recreation hall for meetings should together provide ample recreational facilities for the Orchard Park Housing Project, but their condition and up-keep leave something to be desired. The Roxbury Neighborhood House has a full-time worker assigned to the Project to ensure coordination in community activities.

ORCHARD PARK

Shopping Facilities

The nearest supermarket, Stop and Shop is a five minute walk from the Project and other types of stores and shops are within easy walking distance. Downtown is a twenty minute ride on the MTA and other shopping is easily facilitated in the Roxbury shopping area on Dearborn, Washington Streets, etc.

General Statistics

The Orchard Park Housing Development, built in 1942, occupies almost sixteen acres of land in Roxbury. There are 1,023 dwelling units. 189 one bedroom, 276 two bedroom, 231 three bedroom, 54 four bedroom, 24 five bedroom apartments.

Construction: Brick - three story buildings

Population: 3,000 511 White Families 235 Non-White Families

Average Length of Stay: Five years

Age Distribution: Pre-school (under 5) - 493
Elementary & Junior High (5-14) - 889
High School (15-17) - 227
(18-20) - 72
(21-64) - 1079
(65 and over) - 179

Average rent: $50.00 (includes cost of heat and utilities)

Vacancies: As of September 1, 1962 - 35

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